

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1199
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2015**

PRESERVATION OF MAPPILA ARTS

1199. SHRI M.I. SHANAVAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has allocated any funds for preservation of traditional cultural activities of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the existing projects for the protection, promotion and preservation of traditional Muslim arts (such as Oppana, Kolkali, Daff Muttu) in Kerala;
- (d) whether the Government has any ongoing project/plans to preserve the tribal traditional arts in Kerala; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) The Government of India have set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) in the country to preserve, promote culture including folk dance, music and literature of different regions to which it provides financial support in the form of annual-grants-in aid. Kerala State falls in the jurisdiction of South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), Thanjavur. SZCC has earmarked approximately Rs. 50 lakhs from its allotted funds for the programmes to be conducted in Kerala during the year 2015-16.

(c) Programmes on such arts form are regularly organized by SZCC. Four programmes on Oppana, Kolkali, Daff Muttu have been organized in the years 2014 and 2015.

(d) & (e) The SZCC is mandated to preserve and promote traditional arts in Kerala by carrying out various activities and organizing programmes at national, zonal and local levels.
