

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3525  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2015**

**“Database of Artists”**

**3525. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.;**

Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand from the senior artists from various fields to create a comprehensive database of Indian Culture/Art/Artists;
- b) if so, the details along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- c) whether the Government has set any time-frame to create the said database and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether it is also proposed to include the details of folk, tradition, religious and contemporary forms of arts under the list; 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,  
CIVIL AVIATION  
(DR MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) No, Madam. No such long pending demand is resting with the Ministry.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise.
- (d) & (e) Does not arise. However, some of the organisations under the Ministry of Culture do maintain the information about artists associated with them such as name of artists who are given salary grant, production grant, pension, accommodation, scholarship, fellowship, awards, projects etc.