

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2724
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2016**

PROMOTION OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

†2724. **PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:
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SHRI ALOK SANJAR:
SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for promotion of cultural development programmes in various parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme protection and promotion of famous folk/traditional and other artists of the State as some artists are opting out their respective art field;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of funds allocated in this regard to various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh, to provide facilities to cultural artists; and
- (e) whether the Government's has formulated any scheme to promote talent of these artists at international level and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. To preserve, promote and disseminate art and traditional culture throughout the country including Madhya Pradesh, the Government of India operates a number of schemes and conducts various activities through its several organizations including seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. The Ministry conducts a number of programmes and schemes like Award to Young Talented Artistes, Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme, Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme, Research & Documentation Scheme, Shilpgram Scheme, Octave and J&K Festivals and National Cultural Exchange Programme (NCEP) for promotion of folk/traditional art forms and artists. No State/ UT wise fund is sanctioned by the Government for this purpose. However, grant-in-aid is provided by the Government to several organizations of Ministry of Culture who in turn operate a number of programmes/ schemes for development of folk and traditional culture throughout the country.

(e) No, Madam.