

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 2743
TO BE ANSWERED ON March 14th, 2016**

BOOK FESTIVAL

2743. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has organised book festivals in various parts of the country which showcases books written in their regions' local languages;
- (b) if so, the response to such book festivals;
- (c) whether all texts were presented in such festivals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

ANSWER

- (a) Yes Madam, National Book Trust, India, an autonomous organisation under Ministry of Human Resource Development is mandated to organise Book Fairs/Exhibitions across the country where books in concerned Indian Languages are Exhibited and sold by respective publishers.
- (b) There is an overwhelming response to such book festivals.
- (c) Participating publishers/book sellers exhibit their selected books, on different subject areas at these book fairs.
- (d) During the year 2015-16 National Book Trust (apart from World Book Fair at Delhi) organised domestic book fairs at Itanagar, Shillong, Dharmapuri, Dehradun, Udaipur and Patna. Details are at **Annexure**.

Annexure in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2743 regarding Book Festival raised by Shri Maheish Girri to be answered on 14th March 2016

DOMESTIC BOOK FAIRS

Organized by National Book Trust, India (2015-16)

Name of the Book Fair	Participants / Stalls	Number of Indian Participants
Itanagar Book Fair	31 / 57	10
Dharmapuri Book Fair	80 / 88	71
Shillong Book Fair	43 / 76	08
Dehradun Book Fair	72 / 90	48
Udaipur Book Fair	72 / 87	65
Patna Book Fair	118 / 155	95

**SALES DETAILS OF NATIONAL BOOK TRUST AT
NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR AND
DOMESTIC BOOK FAIRS (2015-16)**

Name of Book Fair	Net sale (in lakhs)
New Delhi World Book Fair	67,55,813
Itanagar Book Fair	74,587
Dharmapuri Book Fair	1,08,428
Shillong Book Fair	70,540
Dehradun Book Fair	5,11,864
Udaipur Book Fair	3,61,967
Patna Book Fair	3,45,723