

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 143  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016**

**PROMOTION OF ANCIENT INDIAN CULTURE**

**143. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:**

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

- (a) the measures taken by the Government to protect the ancient Indian Culture including Tribal Culture and Heritage across the country;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal to include ancient Indian Culture in school syllabus and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of any organised planning to humiliate ancient Indian Culture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to protect and to promote ancient Indian Culture?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) To protect, preserve and promote various forms of folk art and ancient Indian culture including Tribal Culture and Heritage throughout the country, Ministry of Culture operates a number of schemes and conducts various activities on regular basis through its several organizations including seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with headquarters at Patiala, Nagpur, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur and Thanjavur.
- (b) No, Madam. Does not arise.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise. Steps taken by the Government to protect and to promote ancient Indian Culture detailed as per (a) above.