

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4099
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

ICCR ACTIVITIES

4099. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of research activities taken up by Indian Council for Cultural Relation (ICCR) during the last two years;**
- (b) the particulars of cultural groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performing in other countries during the last two years indicating country, specific occasion and type of programmes in detail;**
- (c) the list of artists or groups from Gujarat State who were sponsored/deputed for such occasions; and**
- (d) whether it has been decided to depute traditional art and cultural groups from the Gujarat State in future and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI M. J. AKBAR)**

- (a) ICCR extends facilities to foreign scholars to undertake research in the fields of cultural and Indian studies under its Senior and Junior Fellowship scheme and Orientation Grant programme. In last two years ICCR offered fellowship to 18 Scholars.**
- (b) The details of cultural groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performing in other countries during the last two years (i.e. 2014-15 and 2015-16) indicating country, specific occasion and type of programmes are enclosed at Annexure-I.**
- (c) The list of artists or groups sponsored by the ICCR from Gujarat is enclosed at Annexure-II.**
- (d) ICCR empanels groups of traditional arts from all over India, including those from Gujarat. ICCR has also initiated on process of expanding panel and including more groups from traditional and folk arts. List of groups is attached at Annexure-III.**

IMPLEMENTATION CHART FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2014 TO MARCH 2015

S. NO.	COUNTRIES VISITED	NAME OF THE GROUP	DATE	PURPOSE OF VISIT	Remarks
1	Egypt, Israel Palestine UAE	06-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Marami Medhi (Assam)	5 to 17 April, 2014	To participate at the “India by the Nile” Festival in Egypt and to give cultural performances in Israel, Palestine and UAE	
2	Cambodia Vietnam Malaysia	10-member Manipuri Folk dance group led by Ms. Suman Sarawgi (West Bengal)	6 to 25 April, 2014	To participate in the Hue Festival in Vietnam and to participate at the Food Festival and inauguration of MGC Textile Museum in Cambodia and to give cultural performances in Malaysia	
3	South Africa Mauritius	05-member Bharatnatyam dance group led by Ms. Purva Dhanashree (Andhra Pradesh)	8 to 18 April, 2014	To participate in the Tamil New Year celebrations	
4	Thailand	12-member Bhangra and Giddha Dance group led by Shri Harinder Pal (Punjab)	20 to 28 April, 2014	To participate at the 232 nd Year of Rattanakos in City Royal Benevolence and also to perform at the Fun Fair organized by the Ministry of Culture, Thailand	
5	Malawi Zimbabwe Mauritius	10-member Rajasthani folk dance group led by Ms. Moru Sopera (Rajasthan)	24 April to 9 May, 2014	To participate at the Harare International Festival of Arts (HIFA) in Zimbabwe and to give cultural performances in the region	
6	Switzerland, Germany Serbia, Montenegro Austria, Croatia Spain	06-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Rujuta Soman (Maharashtra)	12 May to 9 June, 2014	To participate at the Trade Fair in Belgrade and to give cultural performances in the region	
7	Japan China	08-member Kathakali dance group led by Shri M. Gopalakishnan (Kerala)	15 May to 1 st June, 2014	To participate at the Commemorative Lecture and music concert on Budhisena, the first Indian monk who spread Buddhism in Japan and to give cultural performances in China	
8	Nepal Bhutan	05-members Manipuri Dance group led by Ms. Baishali Basu Sarkar (West Bengal)	20 to 27 May, 2014	To participate at “Mini Festival of Indian Culture” in Nepal and to give cultural performances in Bhutan	
9	Nepal	04-member Sarod group led by Pt. Debjyoti Bose (West Bengal)	19 to 23 May, 2014	To participate at “Mini Festival of Indian Culture” in Nepal	
10	Suriname Guyana Trinidad & Tobago	06-member Bhojpuri music group led by Ms. Kalpana Patowari (Maharashtra)	20 to 31 May 2014	To participate at the Indian Arrival Day celebrations	
11	Romania, Hungary Spain, Portugal	10-member Rajasthani Folk dance group led by Shri Fakira Khan Bishala (Rajasthan)	20 May to 18 June, 2014	To give cultural performances	

12	Japan	Financial Support to Japanese local artists for celebrations of Kala Utsav – 2014 being organized by the Embassy of India in Japan	June, 2014	The Council granted Yen 3,00,000/- as performance fees to the Japanese artists for Indian Classical Dance performances in Japan	
13	Australia, Indonesia Vietnam	12-member 'Dance Era' Bollywood group led by Shri Manik Batheja (New Delhi)	19 to 30 June, 2014	To perform at the "India@Mindi" Festival in Darwin, Northern Territory (Australia) and to give cultural performances in the region	
14	Latvia, Sweden Finland, Netherlands Russia	10-member Gujarati Folk group "Saptak" led by Shri Chetan Chandrakant Jethava (Gujarat)	20 June to 16 July, 2014	To perform in the Festival in Russia, and Milan Festival in Netherlands and to give cultural performances in other countries	
15	South Korea	06-member Manipuri dance group led by Ms. Debanjana Roy (West Bengal)	18 to 27 July, 2014	To give cultural performances at the Unveiling of Gandhi Bust at ICC Busan, Korea	
16	Bulgaria	10-member Manipuri Folk group led by Shri Raj Kumar Ratan Singh (Manipur)	18 July to 03 August, 2014	To participate in the Chelopech International Folklore Festival, Veliko Tarnove International Folklore Festival and Varna International Folklore Festival	
17	Hong Kong Malaysia	05-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Kavita Ramu (Tamilnadu)	27 July to 04 August, 2014	To participate in the Annual Bharatnatyam Dance Festival in Malaysia and to give cultural performance in Hong Kong	
18	South Africa Lesotho Tanzania Kenya	05-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Vani Madhav (Haryana)	9 to 23 August, 2014	To perform at the Independence Day Celebrations	
19	Bhutan	05-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Pompi Paul (West Bengal)	14 to 19 August, 2014	To perform at the Independence Day Celebrations	
20	Fiji China	12-member Bollywood Dance and Music group led by Ms. Parminder Kaur (Maharashtra)	19 August to 13 September, 2014	To participate at the Hibiscus Festival and Friendly North Festival in Fiji and to perform at the Independence Day Celebrations and participate at the Glimpses of India Festival, China to mark a India – China Friendly Exchange Year	
21-22	Sri Lanka	(i) 05-member Carnatic Vocal group led Shri T.V. Ramprasad (Tamilnadu) (ii) 05-member Bharatnatyam Dance group led by Ms. Lavanya Ananth (Tamilnadu)	24-27 August, 2014 23-26 August, 2014	To perform at the Independence Day Celebrations	
23	France Germany Belgrade	04-member Puppet group led by Shri Vinod Bhatt (Rajasthan)	05 to 26 September, 2014	To participate at the DIG Chain Tour in Germany and to give performances in the region	
24	USA Canada	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Richa Jain (New Delhi)	11-20 September, 2014	To participate at the 3 rd International Kathak dance festival in Chicago, USA and to give cultural performances in Canada	

25	Oman, Kuwait Egypt, Tunisia Lebanon, Mauritius	08-member Fusion group “The Sufi Gospel Project” led by Ms. Sonam Kalra (New Delhi)	12 September, to 08 October 2014	To participate at the SAMAA Festival in Egypt and to give cultural performances in the region	
26	Germany	07 travel grants to Dr. Mohan Agashe (Theater), (Maharashtra)	17 to 30 September, 2014	To participate at a Theater collaboration between Grips Theatre, Berlin and Maharashtra Culture Centre, Pune	
27	Japan Cambodia Singapore	08-member Rajasthani Folk dance group led by Shri Hanif Khan Langa (Rajasthan)	19 September – 06 October 2014	To participate at the Namaste India Festival, Japan, to perform during the Board of Governors meeting of India MGCTTM and to participate at the Mela organized by SUNTEC in Cambodia and to give cultural performances in Singapore	
28	USA	04 Travel grants to “Samarthanam” The differently abled group (Karnataka)	23 September to 12 November 2014	To give cultural performances	
29	UK	02 Travel grants to Ms. Sharbani Mitra (Odissi), (Odissa)	24 September to 14 October 2014	To give cultural performances	
30	Sweden & Latvia Belarus	05-member Ghatam group led by Shri Somnath Roy (West Bengal)	26 September to 3 October, 2014	To participate in the Indian Classical Music Conference on Scandinavia.	
31	USA Belize	05-member Bharatnatyam dance group led by Shri Shijith Nambiar (Tamilnadu)	1 to 10 October, 2014	To participate in the festival “Heritage of India” and to give cultural performances on the Birth Anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi in USA and to give cultural performances in Belize	
32	Malawi, Tanzania Uganda, Zambia South Africa	08-member Fusion group ‘Soul Samvaad’ led by Shri Murad Ali Khan (New Delhi)	1 to 20 October, 2014	To participate in the Blantyre Arts Festival in Malawi and to give cultural performances in the region	
33	South Korea	08-member Rajasthani dance & music group led by Shri Apa Nath (Rajasthan)	3 – 11 October 2014	To participate in the Jenjou Sori Festival & International Folk Art Festival	
34	New Zealand Australia	05-member Sattriya dance group led by Ms. Menaka PP Borah (Assam)	10 to 26 October, 2014	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations in New Zealand and Swan Festival of Lights in Australia	
35	Suriname Trinidad & Tobago St. Vincent & Grenadines Barbados Guyana	05-member Light Classical Vocal group led by Ms. Indira Naik (Maharashtra)	14 to 31 October, 2014	To perform on the occasion of Diwali Celebrations	
36	Vietnam Thailand	06-member Fusion Band group ‘Girish and the Chronicles’ led by Shri Girish Pradhan, (Karnataka)	17 to 24 October, 2014	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	

37	Australia, Thailand Vietnam	06-member Odissi dance group led by Ms. Raminder Khurana (Maharashtra)	17 October – 01 November, 2014	To participate in The Parramasala Festival in Australia, to perform on the 50 th Anniversary of Chiang Mai University, Thailand and to give cultural performances in Vietnam	
38	South Africa Reunion Island Ethiopia Djibouti Kenya	04-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Prerana Deshpande (Maharashtra)	17 October to 09 November, 2014	To participate in the Diwali Celebrations	
39	Kyrgyzstan Russia	10-member Bhangra & Gidda group “Bhola Panchhi” led by Shri Parvinder Singh (Rajasthan)	17 to 26 October 2014	To participate in the Russian Drama Theatre event in Kyrgyzstan and to give cultural performances in Russia	
40	Netherlands Serbia	08-member Fusion Band group ‘East India Company’ led by Shri Angaraag Papon Mahanta (Assam)	28 October to 06 November, 2014.	To give performances at the Holland India Festival 2014 in Netherlands and to give cultural performances in Serbia	
41	USA UK	03 Travel grants to Ms. Rita Ganguly, (Hindustani Vocal), (New Delhi)	29 October to 23 November 2014	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Begum Akhtar’s centenary year in UK	
42-43	Mauritius South Africa	(i) 09-member Bhojpuri Dance and Music group led by Dr. Pushpa Prasad (Bihar) (ii) Food Festival (02 Chefs) (New Delhi)	31 October – 17 November 2014 31 October – 09 November 2014	To participate at the 180 th Anniversary of arrival of Indentured Labour in Mauritius	
44	Maldives	10-member Goan group “Goenchim Noketram” led by Ms. Marianela Philgina Mascarenhas Dias, (Goa)	31 October to 03 November, 2014	To perform on the occasion of 50 th Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic relations between India and Maldives	
45	Spain Belgium Ireland	15-member Choir group “Nagaland Singing Ambassadors” led by Shri Temsuyanger (Lipokumar) (Nagaland)	01 to 12 November, 2014	To participate at the “1000 Voices for Peace” on commemoration ceremonies of the centenary of the World War I in Belgium and to give cultural performances in the region	
46	Spain	08-member Kathakali “Margi” group led by Shri Srinivas Sivanandan (Kerala)	10 to 16 November 2014	To give cultural performances at the Art and Heritage Fair	
47	Bhutan	10-member Bihu dance group “Ramdhenu” led by Ms. Jina Rajkumari (Assam)	11 to 13 November 2014	To perform at the Coronation Day of the Majesty the 5 th King of Bhutan and Birth Anniversary of the 4 th King/Constitution Day	
48	Algeria	15-member Contemporary dance Group led by Shri Santosh Nair (New Delhi)	12 – 27 November 2014	To participate at the 2 nd Indo – Arab cultural Festival	
49	Bhutan	04-member Tabla group led by Shri Kumar Lal Mishra (Uttar Pradesh)	17 to 21 November, 2014	To perform at the Coronation Day of His Majesty the 5 th King of Bhutan and Birth Anniversary of 4 th King/ Constitution Day	

50-52	Algeria	(i) Food Festival (02 Chefs) (New Delhi) (ii) Qari (Mohd. Sajid) (New Delhi) (iii) Calligraphist (Shri Achyut Palav) (Maharashtra)	18 – 27 November 2014 19 – 22 November 2014 19 – 28 November 2014	To participate at the 2 nd Indo – Arab cultural Festival	
53	Algeria Portugal Italy	09-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Prerana Shrimali (New Delhi)	20 November – 08 December 2014	To participate at the 2 nd Indo – Arab cultural Festival	
54	UK	04 Travel grants to Shri Kadari Gopalnath (Carnatic Saxophone) (Chennai)	21 November to 04 December 2014	To participate at the London International Arts Festival at the request of Dhruv Arts, UK	
55	Thailand	08-member Contemporary Dance group “Rhythmosaic” led by Shri Shambik Ghosh, (West Bangal)	21 to 26 November 2014	To participate in the International Contemporary Dance Festival in Thailand	
56	Peru Argentina	05-member Rabab “Instrumental” group led by Shri Abul Hamid Bhatt, (Jammu & Kashmir)	26 November to 07 December, 2014	To participate in the 1 st International Music Festival of High Land, Peru and to give cultural performances in Argentina	
57	UAE	10-member Bihu dance group “Rooptara Kala Kendra” led by Ms. Bhawana Kakati (Assam)	26 November – 06 December 2014	To participate in Annual India Festival	
58	Thailand	10-member Gujarati Folk dance group “Saurashtra Lok Kala Kendra” led by Shri Amardeepsinh J. Jadeja (Gujarat)	29 November to 07 December 2014	To give cultural performances on the occasion of King’s Birthday celebrations	
59	Nepal	16-member Rasleela group led by Shri Fateh Krishan Sharma (Uttar Pradesh)	11 to 14 December 2014	To give cultural performances	
60	Egypt (15-25 December) Iran (25-30 December)	04-member Instrumental group led by Shri Moinuddin Khan (Madhya Pradesh)	15 to 30 December 2014	To give cultural performances at first session of Fayoum International Festival for traditional music and culture in Egypt	
61	Bhutan	12-member Kashmiri Folk dance group led by Shri Anil Tickoo (Jammu & Kashmir)	16 to 19 December, 2014	To participate at the Bhutan National Day celebrations	
62	Bhutan	10-member Sattriya “Sattriya Kala Kendra” led by Shri Ghanakanta Bora Barbayan (Assam)	23 to 26 December 2014	To participate at the 5 th Regional Friendship Trade Fair in the border district of Samdrup Jongkhar	
63	Mauritius	01Travel grant to Shri Tayyab Ali Abil Ali “Nathkawan” (Maharashtra)	31 December 20 January 2015	To participate at Eid Milad-Un-Nab, 1488 th Birth anniversary of Holy Prophet	

64	Oman	15-member Bhangra & Gidda group “Nachda Punjab Youth Club” led by Shri Kulwant Singh (Punjab)	12 – 24 January 2015	To participate at the Muscat Festival	
65	Nepal (Birgunj)	08-member Qawwali group led by Shri Hasan & Haider Nizami (New Delhi)	16 to 19 January 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of 10 th anniversary of opening of Post	
66	Slovenia	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Prabhat Kumar (New Delhi)	19 to 25 January 2015	To participate at the “Days of Indian Culture”	
67	Taiwan (Taipei)	08-member Chhau dance group led by Shri Prabhat Kumar Mahato (Jharkhand)	21 to 29 January, 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
68-69	Brazil El Salvador, Haiti, Dominican Republic Cuba Brazil	(i) 08-member Rajasthani Folk dance group led by Ms. Nirmala Devi, (Rajasthan) (ii) 04-member Instrumental (Tabla) music group led by Shri Rashid Mustafa Thirakwa (New Delhi)	21 January to 16 February 2015 22 to 29 January 2014	To participate in the Festival of India in Brazil	
70	Sri Lanka	05 Travel grants to Sitar group led by Shri Niladri Kumar (Maharashtra)	23 to 27 January, 2015	To perform at the Republic Day Celebrations	
71	Bangladesh	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Debashree Bhattacharya (West Bengal)	24 -29 January, 2015	To perform at the Republic Day Celebrations	
72	Bhutan	06-member Light Classical vocal group led by Shri Ghulam Abbas (Maharashtra)	25 to 28 January 2015	To participate in the Republic Day celebrations	
73	Nepal	06-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Moumala Nayak (New Delhi)	24 to 27 January, 2015	To participate in the Republic Day celebrations	
74	Oman UAE	10-member Gujarati Folk Dance group “Ambawadi Kalabrinda Beda Raas” led by Shri Daya Natha Nakum (Gujarat)	25 January to 05 February 2015	To participate in the Republic Day Celebrations	
75	Myanmar Thailand	06-member Manipuri dance group led by Ms. Hemolata Devi Maisnam (Manipur)	25 January to 01 February, 2015	To perform at the Republic Day Celebrations	
76	Bangladesh Myanmar	08-member Qawwali group led by Shri Yousuf Khan Nizami (New Delhi)	06 - 17 February 2015	To give cultural performances in Bangladesh and to participate in the annual Urs Festival in Myanmar	
77	Mauritius South Africa	06-member Devotional music group led by Shri Chayadhar Bharti Swami Gaina “Bharti Bandhu”	09 to 26 February, 2015	To participate in the Maha Sivratri Celebration in Mauritius and give cultural performances in South Africa	

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78	Maldives Sri Lanka	12-member Bollywood group “A to Z” led by Shri Sukhvinder Singh (New Delhi)	19-27 February, 2015	To perform at the Republic Day Celebrations and 80 th Anniversary of Diplomatic relations between India & Maldives	
79	Portugal, Ukraine, Belarus, Hungary	04-member Instrumental “Santoor” music group led by Pt. Bhajan Sopori (New Delhi)	27 February to 15 March 2015	To participate in the “Namaste” festivals in Ukraine & Belarus and give cultural performances in the region	
80	Palestine Jordan Oman UAE	03-member Santoor group led by Dr. Varsha Agarwal (Madhya Pradesh)	07 to 21 March 2015	To participate at the “India Week” in Jordan and to give cultural performances in the region	
81	Turkmenistan Kyrgyzstan Kazakhstan Uzbekistan	08-member Sitar (Fusion) music group led by Shri Prateek Chaudhuri (New Delhi)	25 March to 09 April 2015	To participate at the “Namaste” festival in Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan Uzbekistan	
82	Slovenia Italy Austria	07-member Theatre group led by Shri Avijit Dutt (New Delhi)	26 March to 01 April 2015	To participate in the Annual Festival of Slovenia Drama at Kranj, Slovenia and thereafter to Italy and Austria for cultural performances	
83	Switzerland Austria, Romania Belgrade	10-member Kathak Dance group “Nritya Bharati” Ms. Aruna Kelkar (Maharashtra)	24 th March to 03 rd April, 2015	To participate in the “Festival of India” in Liechtenstein, Switzerland and give performance in the region	
84	Taiwan	05 Travel grants to BOOMARANG – Rock Band group (Mizoram)	28 March – 15 April 2015	To participate in the Spring Scream Music Festival – Taiwan International Festival, Taiwan	
85	Cyprus Lebanon Jordan Egypt	10-member Manipuri dance group “Narmada Cultural Organization” led by Ms. Khumanthem Narmada Devi (Manipur)	29 March to 17 April 2015	To participate at the “India by the Nile Festival” (Teamwork) in Egypt	
86	Kazakhstan Uzbekistan	12-member Manipuri group of “JNMDA” led by Shri Oinam Thoiba Singh (Manipur)	31 March to 11 April 2015	To participate at the “Namaste” festival in Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan	

List of States with number of groups sponsored by ICCR in 2014-15

S.No.	Name of State	Number of groups 2013-2014			Number of groups 2014-2015
		Europalia	OCD	Total	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil	01	01	01
2.	Assam	Nil	02	02	06
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	01	01	Nil
4.	Bihar	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
5.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
6.	Goa	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
7.	Gujarat	02	03	05	03
8.	Haryana	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil	Nil	02
10.	Jharkhand	Nil	02	02	01
11.	Karnataka	02	03	05	02
12.	Kerala	03	Nil	03	02
13.	Madhya Pradesh	01	Nil	01	02
14.	Maharashtra	01	11	12	12
15.	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil	04
16.	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
17.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil	Nil	01
18.	New Delhi	09	26	35	16 (apart from 16 groups 04 Chefs, 01 Qari were also sent)
19.	Odissa	Nil	01	01	01
20.	Punjab	Nil	01	01	02
21.	Rajasthan	Nil	03	03	08
22.	Tamil Nadu	02	04	06	05
23.	Uttar Pradesh	01	01	02	02
24.	West Bengal	01	01	02	08

Number of Countries covered by ICCR in 2013-14	-	55
Number of Countries covered by ICCR in 2014-15	-	93
Number of group sponsored in 2013-14	-	83 (including 22 for Europalia)
Number of group sponsored in 2014-15	-	86

Region wise list

S.No.	Name of Region	No. of groups 2013-14	Europalia 2013-14	2014-15
1	Neighboring Countries	07		18
2	LAC & Americas	10	04	09
3	Europe	19	22	19
4	WANA & Gulf	04	02	13
5	ASEAN East Asia & Pacific	16	03	18
6	Southern/Central Africa	03		10
7	Central Asia	04		03

LIST OF STATES WITH NUMBER OF GROUPS SPONSORED BY ICCR IN 2014-15

S.No.	Name of State	Number of groups
1.	Andhra Pradesh	01
2.	Assam	06
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	Nil
4.	Bihar	01
5.	Chhattisgarh	01
6.	Goa	01
7.	Gujarat	03
8.	Haryana	01
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	02
10.	Jharkhand	01
11.	Karnataka	02
12.	Kerala	02
13.	Madhya Pradesh	02
14.	Maharashtra	12
15.	Manipur	04
16.	Mizoram	01
17.	Nagaland	01
18.	New Delhi	16 (apart from 16 groups 04 Chefs, 01 Qari were also sent)
19.	Odissa	01
20.	Punjab	02
21.	Rajasthan	08
22.	Tamil Nadu	05
23.	Uttar Pradesh	02
24.	West Bengal	08

OUTGOING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS

April 2015 – March 2016

S.No.	Country	Name of the group	Dates	Purpose	Remarks
1.	France	09 travel grants to Kathakali group of Kalamandalam Balasubramanian, Kerala	01-07 April, 2015	For participation at the Kathakali nightlong performance being organized by the Centre Mandapa, France	
2.	Singapore	23 Travel grants to Kalakshetra group of Ms. Priyadarshini Govind, Tamil Nadu	10-13 April, 2015	To participate at the Annual Festival of Singapore India Fine Arts Society (SIFA)	
3.	France	02 travel grants to Shri Kaushik Bhattacharya, West Bengal	10-15 April, 2015	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Ganapati Association, Bordeaux, France	
4.	Cambodia	10-member Madhya Pradesh Folk group “Nepanagar Jagrity Kala Kendra” led by Shri Mukesh Darbar, Madhya Pradesh	12 – 17 April, 2015	To participate in the International Youth Cultural Festival and the Annual Angkor Sankranta in Cambodia	
5.	Spain (15-20 April) Serbia (20 – 23 April)	03-member Rudra Veena group led by Dr. Jayanta Kumar Das, West Bengal	15 – 23 April, 2015	For participation at the “Cultural Week” in Spain and to give cultural performances in Serbia	
6.	Singapore	10-member Theatre group of Amritsar Natak Kala Kendra led by Dr. Areet Kaur, Punjab	17-19 April, 2015	For participation at the Annual Baishakhi Mela in Singapore	
7.	Egypt (17 – 25 April) Tunisia (26 – 29 April) UAE (29 April – 2 May) Kuwait (2 – 6 May)	11-member Bhangra group “Lok Rang Cultural Club” led by Shri Sandeep Kumar Kheeva, Punjab	17 April – 06 May, 2015	For participation at the International Festival of Drums and Traditional Arts in Cairo and to give cultural performances in other countries	
8.	Bhutan	04-member Rock Band group “Sifar” led by Shri Amit Yadav, Delhi	17 – 20 April, 2015	To perform during the celebrations of the Dantak Raising Day Celebrations	
9.	Mauritius	10 travel grants to All India Deaf arts and Cultural Society, Madhya Pradesh	23 – 29 April, 2015	To give cultural performances at the invitation of Federation of Disabled People’s Organization, Mauritius	
10.	Seychelles (24-28 April) Zimbabwe (28 April-4 May) Kenya (4 – 8 May)	12-member Gujarati folk group “Shree Vasuki Sanskruti” led by Shri Yogesh Prabhudas Patdiya, Gujarat	24 April – 08 May, 2015	For participation at the Harare International Festival of the Arts (HIFA) at Harare	
11.	Singapore	08-member Panchavadyam group led by Shri Balussery Krisnadas, Kerala	30 April-11 May, 2015	To perform for the opening of the Indian Heritage Centre (IHC) in Singapore	
12.	Russia	24-member Kathak group of KADAMB led by Ms. Kumudini Lakhia, Gujarat	09-13 May, 2015	To perform at the “Namaste Russia” Festival	
13.	China (Shanghai)	05-member Rajasthani Music group led by Shri Yaar Mohd. Delhi	15 – 17 May, 2015	To give cultural performance to coincide with the VVIP visit	
14.	Serbia	01 travel grant to Ms. Rachael MacBean, Director, Rahales Little Theatre, West Bengal	15-24 May, 2015	To present a paper and to participate in an International Festival in Sbotica, Serbia	

15.	Serbia	05-member Puppet Theatre group 'Katkatha' led by Ms. Anurupa Roy, Delhi	17-24 May, 2015	To participate at the 22 nd International Festival of Children's Theaters	
16.	Japan	04-member Violin group led by Shri R. Sridhar, Delhi	17 – 24 May, 2015	To participate at the Commemorative Lecture Series at Todaji Temple	
17.	UAE (18-22 May) Beirut (22 – 27 May) Algeria (27 May- 3 June)	04-member Puppet group of Nori Art and Puppetry Centre led by Ms. Ratnamala Nori, Andhra Pradesh	18 May – 03 June, 2015	To give cultural performances	
18.	Sweden	Shri Durjay Bhowmik (Tabla) x 1, Delhi	20 – 27 May, 2015	To perform at the "Namaste Stockholm" Festival	
19.	Tanzania (20 – 26 May) Uganda (26 – 28 May) South Africa (28 May – 7 June) Mauritius (8 – 10 June)	06-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. Prateeksha Kashi, Karnataka	20 May – 10 June, 2015	To participate in the Phoenix Fair in South Africa and to give cultural performances in Mauritius under CEP	
20.	Trinidad & Tobago (25 May – 04 June) Guyana (04 – 09 June)	09-member UP Folk group "Shri JiBrijMewatLok Kala ManchDeeg" led by Shri JitendraParashar, Uttar Pradesh	25 May – 09 June, 2015	To participate at the Indian Arrival Day Function	
21.	Algeria	07-member Rajasthani Folk group Led by Ms. GulabiSapera, Rajasthan	25 May – 02 June, 2015	To perform at the Algerian International Trade Fair	
22.	Sri Lanka	06-member Manipuri Dance group led by Shri Lokendrajeet Singh and Ms. Akhan Lakshmi Devi, Manipur	30 May – 07 June, 2015	To give cultural performances in Kandy, Habantota and other cities of Sri Lanka	
23.	China (7-15 June) Hong Kong (15– 17 June)	03-member Hindustani Classical Vocal group led by Shri Sarathi Chatterjee, Delhi	07 – 17 June, 2015	For participation at the Chaiti Festival in Shanghai and to give cultural performances in Hong Kong	
24.	UK (10 – 19 June) Bulgaria (19 June – 1 July) Greece (1 – 6 July)	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Swati Wangnoo Tiwari, Delhi	10 June – 06 July, 2015	To participate at the Glasgow Mela in UK, to perform on the occasion of International Yoga Day in Bulgaria and to participate at the "Bollywood and Multicultural Dance Festival" in Athens	
25.	South Korea (11-14) China (Guangzhou) (14-23 June)	10-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Ananda Shankar, Andhra Pradesh	11- 23 June, 2015	To participate in the Busan International Dance Festival in South Korea and China to participate at the India China Yoga Festival	
26.	USA	03 Travel grants to Pt. Vikku Vinayakram (Percussion), Tamilnadu	15 – 26 June 2015	To participate at the "Eye on India" (Teamwork)	
27.	Australia (17 – 22 June) Indonesia (22-26 June) Philippines (26-28June)	06-member Odissi Dance group led by Ms. Nandini Ghosal, West Bengal	17 – 28 June, 2015	To participate in the India@Mindil Festival in Perth, to participate in the Bali Art Jogjakarta Art Festival and Borobudhur International Festival in Indonesia and to give cultural performances in Philippines	

28.	Russia	10-member Chhau group of National Institute of Chhau and Folk Dances led by Shri Vivek Kishore, Delhi	21-28 June, 2015	To participate in the Russian Summer Festival and International Festival of Folklore and Trade in Russia	
29.	France	04 travel grants to Ms. Prasanna Ramaswamy (Theatre), Tamilnadu	24 – 30 June, 2015	To give Dance Theatre Performances titled “Rythme of Light”	
30.	Brazil	One travel grant to Dr. Sucheta Bhide Chapekar (Bharatanatyam), Maharashtra	24 June – 18 July, 2015	To participate at the Winter Festival in Brazil	
31.	Thailand	29-member Theatre group of Jnana Pravaha University, Uttar Pradesh	27-30 June, 2015	To give cultural performance during the World Sanskrit Conference in Thailand	
32.	Japan	Kala Utsav	June, 2015	The Council provided financial support as performance fees to the Japanese artists for Indian Classical Dance performances in Japan	
33.	Germany (3-6 July) Netherlands (06-10 July) Portugal (10-14 July)	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Basant Kabra, Rajasthan	03 – 14 July, 2015	To participate at the Tanz and Folk Festival (TFF) Rudostadt 2015 in Germany and to give cultural performances in Netherlands and Portugal	
34.	Ecuador (07-20 July) Colombia (20-22 July) Panama (22-25 July)	08-member Rajasthani Folk group led by Shri Bundu Khan Langa (Rajasthan)	07 – 25 July, 2015	To participate at the “Days of India” in Guayaquil (Ecuador) and to give cultural performances in Colombia and Panama	
35.	Mozambique(14-17 July) Tanzania (17 – 24 July) Uganda (24 – 26 July) Rwanda (26 – 28 July)	10-member Goan Folk group led by Shri Evaristo Cirilo Goes, Goa	14 – 28 July, 2015	To participate at the Zanzibar International Film Festival in Zanzibar (Tanzania) and to give cultural performances in Mozambique, Uganda and Rwanda	
36.	Spain	02-member Santoor group led by Shri Sandeep Chatterjee (Chattopadhyay), West Bengal	15 – 23 July, 2015	For participation at the 10 th Anniversary of the Summer Courses of the Institute of Indology	The Council pay for performance fee and DA only
37.	Bhutan	14-member Bhangra group of “Raising Star Youth Club” led by Shri Harinder Pal Singh, Punjab	16-19 July 2015	To give cultural performances	The Council paid only for performance fee
38.	Ireland (17-19 July) UK (19 -22 July) Belgium (22 – 25 July) Italy (25 – 27 July)	04-member Madras String Quartet (Carnatic Instrumental) led by Shri Narasimhan Varahakshethram Srinivasa, Tamilnadu	17 – 27 July	To perform at the South Bank Centre at the invitation of Dhruv Arts in UK and to give cultural performances in Ireland, Belgium and Italy	
39.	Thailand	12-member Gujarati group “HalarLok Kala Kendra” led by Shri Jayendrasinh Chandrasinh Jadeja, Gujarat	22 – 26 July 2015	To perform during the celebrations of the 100 Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Surat Thani in the Southern Part of Thailand and Surat, Gujarat	

40.	Jordan (24 – 27 July) Palestine (27-29 July) Egypt(29 July- 4 August) Qatar (04 – 07 August)	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Prachee Sudhir Shah, Maharashtra	24 July – 07 August, 2015	To participate in the Jerash Festival, Jordan and to give cultural performances in Palestine, Egypt and Qatar	
41.	Suriname (26 – 30 July) Trinidad & Tobago (30 July – 05 August)	06-member Qawwali group led by Ms. Geeta Singh, Uttar Pradesh	26 July – 05 August 2015	To give cultural performances in Trinidad & Tobago and Suriname	
42.	France	06 travel grants to Shri Santanu Das “KalyaniKalamandalam – Theatre”, West Bengal	26 July – 31 August	To participate in the joint collaboration production with CREA (a theatre group of France) on the epic “Ramayana”	
43.	Iran	06-member Qawwali group “Majid Ikhlas Husain Qawwal Group” - led by Shri Majid Husain, Uttar Pradesh	27 -31 July 2015	To participate in Indian Cultural Week in Iran	
44.	Australia	03 travel grants to Shri Kaivalyakumar (Hindustani Vocal), Maharashtra	29 July – 12 August, 2015	To participate at the “Spirit of India” Festival at the request of Natraj Cultural Centre	
45.	Australia	03 travel grants to Ms. JayanthiKumaresh (Veena), Karnataka	29 July – 08 August, 2015	To participate at the “Spirit of India” Festival at the request of Natraj Cultural Centre	
46.	Mauritius (30 July – 04 August) Reunion Island (05-08 August) South Africa (08-14 August)	06-member Qawwali group “NizamiKhusroBandu” led by Shri SaqlainNizami, Delhi	30 July – 14 August 2015	To give cultural performances in Mauritius and also in the region	
47.	Malaysia	06-member Bharatanatyam Dance group “Ellora-Centre for Performing Arts” led by Ms. Rema Shrikant, Gujarat	30 July – 04 August, 2015	To participate in the Annual Bharatanatyam Dance Festival	
48.	Sri Lanka	06-member Tabla (Percussion) group led by Pt. Subhen Chatterjee, West Bengal	10 – 15 August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations	
49.	Maldives	07-member Qawwali group led by Shri Haji Mohd Idris, Delhi	13 – 16 August 2015	To participate at the 50 th Anniversary celebrations of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India – Maldives	
50.	Nepal	08-member Qawwali group led by Ms. Urmila Devi (ChanchalBharati), New Delhi	13- 15August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebrations	
51.	Bhutan	06-member Band group “North East Breeze” led by Shri RupamBhuyan, Assam	13-23 August 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Independence Day celebration and Mountain Echos Festival	
52.	Russia	28-member Bollywood group led by Shri Sanjay Roy, Delhi	14 – 18 August, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	

53.	Lao PDR (14 – 18 August) Fiji (18 – 27 August) Nauru (27 -30 August)	12-member Bollywood group “Ms. PenazMasani& Planets” led by Ms. PenazDoliMasani, Maharashtra	14-30 August 2015	To participate in the Hibiscus and Friendly North Festival in Fiji and to give cultural performance in the region	
54.	Mauritius	25-member Ramayana group of Shriram Bharatia Kala Kendra “SBKK” led by Shri Sharda Prasad Mishra, Delhi	20 -25 August 2015	To participate at the Ramayana Conference being organized by Ramayana Centre, Mauritius	
55.	Spain	03 Travel grants (i) Shri Subrata De (Sitar), Haryana (ii) Shri Nakul Prasad Mishra (Tabla), Gujarat (iii) Shri Khete Khan (Rajasthani folk), Rajasthan	22 August – 06 October 2015	To participate at the Flamenco India Project	
56.	Uzbekistan	05-member Light Classical Vocal group led by Shri Vajahat Hussain Khan, Maharashtra	25 – 31 August 2015	To participate at the 10 th International Music Festival “Sharq Taronalari”	
57.	Germany (27 – 30 August) Serbia (30 August – 04 September)	05-member Tabla Percussion group led by Shri Sadanand Naimpalli, Maharashtra	27 August – 04 September 2015	To perform at the Golden Jubilee of celebrations of Bharat Verein in Frankfurt and to give cultural performances in Serbia	
58.	Thailand	06-member Bhojpuri music group led by Shri Rakesh Chandra Srivastava, Uttar Pradesh	28 August – 07 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
59.	South Korea	09-member Bhangra dance group “Jugni Cultural and Youth” led by Shri Davinder Singh, Punjab	29 August -7 September 2015	To participate at the Silk Road Cultural Festival in Gyeongju, South Korea	
60.	Ghana (10 – 12 September) Burkina Faso (12-17 September) Nigeria (17-21 September)	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Vinod Nath Sapera, Rajasthan	10 – 21 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
61.	Sri Lanka	04-member Instrumental “Veena” group led by Ms. Revathy Krishnan, Tamil Nadu	09 – 12 September 2015	To participate in the Annual Nallur Festival	
62.	Japan	12-member Gujarati folk dance group “Natraj Kala Mandir” led by Shri Vinod F. Jaroli, Gujarat	13 September – 05 October 2015	To participate at the “Namaste India” festival	
63.	Russia	05-member Fusion band group “Soulmate” led by Shri Rudolph Wallang, Meghalaya	15 – 21 September, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
64.	Germany Czech Republic Hungary	04 travel grants to Ms. PramitaMallick (Rabindra Sangeet), West Bengal	17 – 27 September 2015	To present her project “The Western Traveler”	
65.	Egypt	08-member Light Classical vocal group led by Shri GurinderHarnam Singh, Delhi	17 – 27 September 2015	To participate at the Samaa Festival in Egypt	
66.	South Africa (17-21 September) Kenya (22-26 September)	10-member Lavani Dance group “Jay Ganesh Lok Kala Manch” led by Shri RajendraKeshaw Badge, Maharashtra	17 – 28 September 2015	To give cultural performances	

	Tanzania (26-28 September)				
67.	Spain (19 -25 September) Croatia (26 – 28 September)	08-member Chhau group led by Shri Anil Panchal, Delhi	19 – 28 September 2015	To give cultural performances at India en Concierto in Spain	
68.	Maldives	11-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Rekha Mehra, Delhi	24 – 28 September 2015	To give cultural performances	
69.	Sweden (02-11 October) UK (11-19 October)	06-member Hindustani Vocal group led by Dr. Soma Ghosh, Maharashtra	02 – 19 October 2015	To participate in the Stockholm Sangeet Conference in Sweden and to give cultural performances in UK	
70.	Zimbabwe (06-11 October) Namibia (11-14 October)	12-member Bhangra & Gidda “Preeti & Party” group led by Ms. Preeti, Delhi	06-11 October 2015	To participate in Dusshera and Diwali celebrations in Zimbabwe	
71.	Mexico (09 – 20 October) Canada (20 – 25 October)	03-member Sarod group led by Shri Debanjan Bhattacharjee, West Bengal	09 – 25 October 2015	To participate at the Cervantino Festival in Mexico and give cultural performances in Canada	
72.	Bangladesh	08-member Yakshagana group led by Shri Nagaraja Joshi, Karnataka	10 – 17 October 2015	To give performances on the occasion of Deshehera celebrations	
73.	Russia (11-15 October) Turkmenistan (15-19 October) Kyrgyzstan (19 – 21 October)	10-member Contemporary Dance group of Natya Stem Dance group led by Ms. Madhu Natraj, Karnataka	11 – 21 October, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
74.	Peru (13-18 October) Costa Rica (18 – 21 October)	06-member Kuchipudi Dance group led by Ms. T. Reddy Laxmi, Delhi	13 – 21 October 2015	To give cultural performances	
75.	Netherlands	05-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Sanjukta Sinha, Gujarat	14 – 18 October 2015	To participate in the Holland India Festival	
76.	New Zealand (16-27 October) Indonesia (27 October-02 November)	10-member Lavni group “Mudra Creation” led by Ms. Sugandha V Dhulap, Maharashtra	16 October – 02 November 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
77.	New Zealand	04-member Puppet group led by Shri Mahipat Kavi, Gujarat	16-27 October 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
78.	Australia (Sydney 22 – 27 October) Fiji (Suva from 27 -30 October) Nauru (30 October-01	08-member Rajasthani “Kalbeliya” Dance group “Prakash Kala Prashikshan Sansthan” led by Shri Pooran Nath Sapera, Rajasthan	22 October – 16 November 2015	To participate at the Parramasala Festival in Sydney & Festival of Lights in Melbourne and to give cultural performances in Fiji	

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79.	Australia	02 travel grants to Ms. Debapriya Adhikary (Hindustani Vocal), West Bengal	23 – 25 October 2015	To participate in the Parramasala Festival in Sydney	
80.	Germany (30 October- 16 November) Hungary & Bosnia (16 – 25 November)	08-member Bhangra group led by “Punjab Cultural Society Regd.” led by Shri Ravinder Singh Ranguwal, Punjab	30 October – 25 November 2015	To participate at the Deutsch-Indische Gesellschaft (DIG) Chain Tour	
81.	Maldives	07-member Band group “Karnatriix” led by Shri John Anthony, Kerala	30 October – 01 November 2015	To participate at the 50 th Anniversary of India-Maldives Diplomatic Relations	
82.	Algeria (31 October-05 November) Kuwait (05-10 November) Sudan (10-15 November) Egypt (15-21 November)	12-member Bhangra group led by Shri Daljit Singh, Punjab	31 October – 21 November 2015	To give cultural performances	
83.	Netherlands (12-16 November) Austria (16-19 November) Croatia (19-22 November) Montenegro (22-25 November)	03-member Flute group led by Pt. Nityanandan Haldipur, Maharashtra	12 - 25 November 2015	To participate in the Holland India Festival	
84.	Vietnam (13-19 November) Philippines (19-22 November)	05-member Krosswindz Band group led by Shri Vikramjeet Singh, West Bengal	13-22 November, 2015	To give cultural performances on Diwali celebration in Vietnam and to give cultural performances in Philippines	
85.	Russia (15-21 November) Georgia (22-26 November)	25-member Composite group of Folk dance & music of Bharat arts folk academy led by Ms. Mangala Bhatt, Telangana 12-member Composite group of Folk dance & music of Bharat arts folk academy led by Ms. Mangala Bhatt, Telangana	16-26 November, 2015	To give cultural performance at the “Namaste” Festival	
86.	France & Italy	Financial Support of US\$ 1000 to Ms.SanjanaTewari (Kathak), Uttar Pradesh	21 – 28 November 2015	To attend UNESCO Conference in Paris and International conference in Rome	
87.	Oman (25 November-4 December) Ethiopia & Djibouti (4-8 December)	10-member Rajasthani folk group led by Shri Thane Khan, Rajasthan	25 November -8 December 2015	To give cultural performances	

88.	Serbia (29 November – 01 December) Spain (02-07 December)	05-member Bharatnayam Dance group led by Ms. Jotsana Jaganath, Tamil Nadu	29 November – 07 December 2015	To give cultural performances	
89.	Switzerland	01 Travel grant to Pt. Ravi Shankar Mishra (Kathak), Delhi	5 – 21 December 2015	To participate at India Festival	
90.	Thailand (6-9 December) Cambodia (9-13 December)	10-member Contemporary Dance group led by Ms. Rekha Mehra, Delhi	6 – 13 December 2015	To give cultural performances in honour of King's Birthday in Chiangmai, Thailand and to participate at the Sea Festival in Cambodia	
91.	Mauritius	01 Travel grant to Sayyed Moinuddin Mohammad Hussain "Naatkhwana", Maharashtra	21 December 2015 – 10 January 2016	To participate in Id Ul Fitr in Mauritius	
92.	Spain (6-15 January) Belgium (15-19 January)	06-member Popular Music group led by Ms. Bindu Subramanian, Karnataka	06 – 19 January 2016	To give cultural performances	
93.	Mauritius	06-member Bhojpuri group led by Shri Ram Darsh Sharma, Uttar Pradesh	13-19 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Vishwa Hindi Diwas	
94.	Germany	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Sikander Langa, Rajasthan	14 -25 January 2016	To give cultural performances during "Carvan, Motor & Touristik (CMT)" event	
95.	Russia	10 Travel grants to Ability Unlimited Foundation led by Shri Seyyed Salauddin Pasha, New Delhi	22- 26 January 2016	To participate at the Russian "Proteart" International Festival	
96.	Thailand	11-Travel Grants to Dr. Harish Tiwari (Hindustani Vocal), Delhi	24 January – 03 February 2016	To participate at the International Dance & Music Festival	Council paid honorarium for 01 performance and DA for 01 day to 10-members and for 03 days to Ms. Sharanya Chandra during VVIP visit to Thailand
97.	Maldives	05-member Light Classical group led by Ms. Nila Sinha Roy, Delhi	24-27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
98.	Seychelles	05-member Kathak Dance group led by Ms. Emelee Ghosh, West Bengal	25-27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
99.	France (25-31 January) Russia (31 January – 06 February)	08-member Rajasthani group led by Shri BhikheKha, Rajasthan	25 January -06 February 2016	To participate in Cite de la Music in France and cultural performances in Russia	
100.	UK (Edinburgh 22-25 January) Hungary (25-29 January)	03-member Santoor group led by Dr. Dhananjay Daithankar, Maharashtra	25 -29 January 2016	To participate in the "Days of India" in Slovenia and also to give cultural	

	Austria (29-31 January) Montenegro (31 January 03 February)			performances in the region	
101.	Beirut	07-member Contemporary Dance group “Ranan” led by Shri Vikramlyenger, West Bengal	25-30 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
102.	Netherlands (25-29 January) Spain (29 Jan. – 03 February)	08-member Kathakali dance group led by Shri K.M.Nandakumaran Nair, Kerala	25-29 January 2016	To give cultural performances in Netherlands and also in the region	
103.	South Africa (25-28 January) Botswana (28 January-01 February) Tanzania(1 – 4 February)	04-member Carnatic Vocal music group led by Shri M.K. Sankaran Namaboorthi, Kerala	25 January – 04 February 2016	To participate in Republic Day celebrations in South Africa and also in the region	
104.	Egypt (25 January-02 February) Jordan (02-06 February) Israel (06-12 February)	10-member Rajasthani group led by Shri Esak Khan, Rajasthan	25January – 12 February 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations and give cultural performances in Jordan	
105.	Nepal	06-member Light Classical music group led by Ms. Anju Goyal, Delhi	25 – 27 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
106.	Bangladesh	04-member Shahnai group led by Shri Sanjeev Shankar and Ashwani Shankar, New Delhi	25-29 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
107.	Sri Lanka	04-mmeber Sitar group led by Shri Purbayan Chatterjee, Maharashtra	25 – 28 January 2016	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Republic Day celebrations	
108.	Vietnam (10-14 February) Japan (14-28 February)	10-member Manipuri group led by Shri Sinam Basu Singh, Manipur	10-28 February 2016	To give cultural performances in Vietnam and to participate in Sapporo Snow Festival in Japan	
109.	Egypt (14-24 Feb.) Tunisia (24-28 Feb.)	12-member Manipuri “Huyen Lallong Manipur Thang Ta Cultural Association” Shri Mutum Ibomcha Singh, Manipur	14-28 February 2016	To participate in the Aswan International Festival for Art & Culture	
110.	Lao PDR (19-23 Feb.) Cambodia (23-26 Feb.)	05-member Manipuri Classical Dance group led by Ms. SoibamNandita Devi, Delhi	19-26 February 2016	To participate in a cultural festival at Vat Thou, A Shiva Temple	
111.	Mauritius (1-8 March) South Africa (8-14 March)	06-member Devotional music group “Vashishth Bandhu” led by Shri Rambhadra Sharma, Uttar Pradesh	1- 8 March 2016	To participate in Shivratri celebrations in Mauritius and also in the region	
112.	Indonesia	06-member Jazz group led by Shri Joseph Alvares, Maharashtra	3 - 6 March 2016	To participate in the Java Jazz Festival in Indonesia	
113.	Serbia (7 – 12 March) Spain (12-17 March)	02-member Instrumental “Guitar” group led by Shri Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, Maharashtra	7 -17 March 2016	To participate in the Guitar Art Festival (GAF) in Serbia and Spain to perform on the occasion of 60 th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between India and Spain	

114.	Trinidad & Tobago (17-22 March) Suriname (22-27 March) Guyana (27-29 March)	06-member Light Classical & Devotional music group led by Shri Shri Rajesh Pandey, Delhi	17-29 March 2016	To cultural performances on the occasion of Shivaratri celebration in Trinidad & Tobago and also in the region	
115.	Iran (29 February – 03 March) UAE (03-07 March) Kuwait (07-11 March)	07-member Qawwali “Taj Musical group” led by Shri Imran Khan, Uttar Pradesh	29 February - 11 March 2016	To participate in Abu Dhabi Festival, UAE and also in the region	
116.	Venezuela (04-09 March) Peru (9 – 17 March)	03-member Santoor group led by Shri Bipul Kumar Ray, Delhi	4- 17 March 2016	To participate at the Highland Music Festival	
117.	Hungary (15-18 March) Croatia (18-21 March) Serbia (21-23 March)) UK (23-29 March)	06-member Stree Shakti group led by Ms. Anuradha Pal, Maharashtra	15-28 March, 2016	To give cultural performances	
118.	Zambia (24 to 28 March 2016) South Sudan (28 to 31 March 2016)	12-member Gujarati group “Dandia Raas” led by Shri Sindhav Karnabhai Bhayabhai, Gujarat	24 – 31 March 2016	To participate in LICAF at Livingstone	
119.	Singapore	10-member Folk dance group Siddhi Dhamal led by Ms. Rumanaben Chhotubhai Shaikh Siddi, Gujarat	26 March – 03 April 2016	To participate in the Indian Village Festival	
120.	China	12-member Punjabi folk dance and music group led by Shri Subhash Goyal and Ms. Anju Goyal, Delhi	26 – 31 March 2016	To give cultural performances during India Cultural Week	
121.	Portugal	15-member Rajasthani (Kalbeliya including Bollywood) dance group led by Shri Bhikhe Kha, Rajasthan	30 March – 08 April 2016	To give cultural performances at the Conrad Algarve Exhibition	

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S.NO.	COUNTRIES VISITED	NAME OF THE GROUP	DATE	PURPOSE OF VISIT	Remarks
1	Latvia, Sweden Finland, Netherlands Russia	10-member Gujarati Folk group “Saptak” led by Shri Chetan Chandrakant Jethava (Gujarat)	20 June to 16 July, 2014	To perform in the Festival in Russia, and Milan Festival in Netherlands and to give cultural performances in other countries	
2	Thailand	10-member Gujarati Folk dance group “Saurashtra Lok Kala Kendra” led by Shri Amardeepsinh J. Jadeja (Gujarat)	29 November to 07 December 2014	To give cultural performances on the occasion of King’s Birthday celebrations	
3	Oman UAE	10-member Gujarati Folk Dance group “Ambawadi Kalabrinda Beda Raas” led by Shri Daya Natha Nakum (Gujarat)	25 January to 05 February 2015	To participate in the Republic Day Celebrations	

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1.	Seychelles (24-28 April) Zimbabwe(28April-4May) Kenya(4 – 8 May)	12-member Gujarati folk group “Shree VasukiSanskriti” led by Shri Yogesh Prabhudas Patdiya, Gujarat	24 April – 08 May, 2015	For participation at the Harare International Festival of the Arts (HIFA) at Harare	
2.	Russia	24-member Kathak group of KADAMB led by Ms. Kumudini Lakhia, Gujarat	09-13 May, 2015	To perform at the “Namaste Russia” Festival	
3.	Thailand	12-member Gujarati group “HalarLok Kala Kendra” led by Shri Jayendrasinh Chandrasinh Jadeja, Gujarat	22 – 26 July 2015	To perform during the celebrations of the 100 Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between Surat Thani in the Southern Part of Thailand and Surat, Gujarat	
4.	Malaysia	06-member Bharatanatyam Dance group “Ellora-Centre for Performing Arts” led by Ms. Rema Shrikant, Gujarat	30 July – 04 August, 2015	To participate in the Annual Bharatanatyam Dance Festival	
5.	Japan	12-member Gujarati folk dance group “Natraj Kala Mandir” led by Shri Vinod F. Jaroli, Gujarat	13 September – 05 October 2015	To participate at the “Namaste India” festival	
6.	Netherlands	05-member Kathak dance group led by Ms. Sanjukta Sinha, Gujarat	14 – 18 October 2015	To participate in the Holland India Festival	
7.	New Zealand	04-member Puppet group led by Shri MahipatKavi, Gujarat	16-27 October 2015	To give cultural performances on the occasion of Diwali celebrations	
8.	Zambia (24 to 28 March 2016) South Sudan (28 to 31 March 2016)	12-member Gujarati group “Dandia Raas” led by Shri Sindhav Karnabhai Bhayabhai, Gujarat	24 – 31 March 2016	To participate in LICAF at Livingstone	
9.	Singapore	10-member Folk dance group Siddhi Dhamal led by Ms. Rumanaben Chhotubhai Shaikh Siddi, Gujarat	26 March – 03 April 2016	To participate in the Indian Village Festival	

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1. Aavishkar - Gujarati Dance
2. Adivasi Sidi Dhamal Goma Party - Mohd. Hanif Bhai, H. Majgul (Gujarati Dance Kalbeliya)
3. Ambawadi Kalabrinda Beda Raas - Shri Nakum DayabhaiNathalal (Gujarat Folk Dance)
4. Bharvad Maldhari Rass Mandal - Rameshbhai Mandanbhai
5. Bharat Gangani - Shri Bharat Gangani, Gujarat Folk Dance
6. Female Male Siddi Dhamal - Vanrajsinh Chandrasinh Jadeja
7. Gordhan L. Rajpara & Heena, Tali Raas
8. Halar Lok Kala Kendra - Gujarati Dance
9. Joraversinh Jadav - Bhavi, Bahrupi, Acrobatics
10. Jay Shakti Maldhari Ras Mandal
11. Kankan Group - Sagathia Sonalben Hansdevbhai (Folk DanceGujarat)
12. Kedar Art Research Centre - Ashok Pandit
13. Mewasi Dance Group - Vasava Bachubhai Somabhai
14. Natraj Kala Mandir - Shri Vinod F. Jaroli, Dandia
15. Police Raas Mandal - Gujarati Dance
16. Rang Bahar - Dhvani Dave, Gujarati Folk Dance
17. Rangashree Group - Pandit Avani Shrenik, Gujarati Folk
18. Samanvay – Jaywant Sujata Nitin & Ms. Veerbala L.Rishi
19. Saptak Folk Dance Group - Chetan Chandrakant Jethava
20. Siddi Goma Group -Siddi Roomanaben Chotubhai
21. Siddi Dhamal - Siddi Imran Akbar, Folk Dance (Bharuch)
22. Sindhav Karnabhai Bhayabhi - Dandiaras
23. Shri Bharatiya Tipani Loknrutya - Shri Vadher Pravinbhai Dayabhai (Gujarati Folk & Music)
24. Shri Patel Raas Mandali - Mahendra Karsanbhai Andani
25. Shree Avad Ras Mandal - Lakhanshi Malde Odedara
26. Shree Vasuki Sanskrutik Group - Kumar Pal Rana (Gujrat)
27. Panghat Performing Art - Chetan Pravinchandra Dave (FolkDance) (Ahmedabad)
28. Maher Das Mandal - Ranabhai Aalabhai Sida(Porbandar)
29. Sidi Dhamaal Sidi Goma - Saiyad Akbarmiya Gulamali Kadari(Folk Dance For Festival Only)
Jam Nagar
30. Sanskruti Dance Academy - Anjana Dev Prasad Agravat (Folk Dance) Rajkot
31. Saurashtra Lok Kala Kendra - Amardeepsinh J. Jadeja (FolkDance) Jam Nagar
32. Yuvak Mandal Gadhavi - Shri Bhoje Shivaji Kaprubhai (Dang)

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