

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNTARRED QUESTION NO.81
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016**

Financial Assistance by UNESCO to Protect Culture

81. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UNESCO has provided financial assistance for the promotion of culture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the contribution of UNESCO towards protection of the culture and natural heritage in the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) No financial assistance has been received from the UNESCO by the Government of India as a member state for the promotion of culture in the country during the last three years and current year.

India is party to various conventions of the UNESCO intended for protection of the cultural as well as natural heritage in the world. These international treaties endeavor to protect and safeguard the world's cultural heritage including ancient archaeological sites, intangible and underwater heritage, museum collections, oral traditions and other forms of heritage, and to support creativity, innovation and the emergence of dynamic cultural sectors.