

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. *104
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.12.2023

REWRITING OF AGAMA SHASTRAS

*104. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to compile and rewrite the Agama Shastras and the translation of manuscripts lying in North-Eastern States as well as in Nepal, Tibet and China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to evaluate the impact of Agama Shastras on the Indian culture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER FOR CULTURE, TOURISM & DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(G.KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the house.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *104 for 11.12.2023

(a) to (d) Yes Sir. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture, through its Kalamulasastra series, dedicated to bringing out fundamental texts on Indian arts, regularly edits and publishes agamas, with detailed descriptions where due emphasis is given to the impact and significance on the Indian Art and Culture. Details of Agamas published are:

- Shaiva Agamas like Svayambhu Sruta Sangraha in 2 volumes.
- Ajitamahatantra in five volumes,
- Vatulyasuddhakhya Tantra in 3 volumes
- Vaishnava agama viz the Isvarasamhita in five volumes and
- Sakta Agama viz Manthanabhairava Tantra in 14 volumes.