

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1986**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> August, 2024

**CULTURAL TABLEAUX IN REPUBLIC DAY PARADE**

1986 SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether all States are not given the opportunity to present their unique cultural tableaux during the Republic Day parade on January 26th;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to ensure a more inclusive representation of all States' cultures in future Republic Day parades to celebrate the unity in diversity which is the hallmark of our country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

(a) & (b): There is a well established system for selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic Day Parade as per which Ministry of Defence invites proposals for tableaux from all States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments. The tableaux proposals received from various States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments are evaluated in a series of meetings of the Expert Committee for selection of tableaux, comprising of eminent persons in the field of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography etc. The Expert Committee examines the proposals on the basis of theme, concept, design and its visual impact before making its recommendations. Tableaux are one of the components of Republic Day Parade. Due to time allotted for tableaux in the overall duration of parade, shortlisting of tableaux is done by the Expert Committee.

Thus, all States are given the opportunity to present their cultural tableaux during Republic Day Parade.

(c) & (d): To give a chance to every State/UT for displaying their tableaux in Republic Day Parade in a three year cycle, a three year programme indicating the name of States/UTs for

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showcasing their tableau during RDP-2024, 2025 & 2026 has been finalized in consultation with all States/UTs and circulated to them. All the States/UTs of the country have been divided into six zones, based on Inter State Council (ISC) scheme of zones. Since number of State/UTs tableaux to be displayed in Republic Day Parade is limited, zonal quota for selection of tableaux has been fixed for each zone. This ensures representation of all the zones in Republic Day Parade every year and within each zone, every State/UT gets an opportunity to showcase their tableau in a three year cycle. However, the selection and fabrication of tableaux are subject to the examination, advice and suggestions etc. of the “Expert Committee for Selection of Tableau”.

If any State/UT has significant achievement in any area during the year, same may be proposed for consideration in Republic Day Parade irrespective of 3 year programme. Moreover, the tableaux of all States/UTs are invited at Bharat Parv, conducted at Red Fort whether they are selected for Republic Day Parade or not.

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