

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TIES WITH RUSSIA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether talks were held recently between Indo-Russia to improve the cultural ties between the two countries; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b): The Sixth Meeting of the Indo-Russian Working Group on Culture under the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation was held on 13th January 2000 to review the progress of implementation on the decisions taken in the Fifth Meeting of the Working Group and to identify the areas of co-operation for the year 2000. Both the sides have also signed a Protocol of the Sixth Meeting. The Protocol provides for exchange of artists, exhibitions and cultural personalities to participate in the functions devoted to the 50th Anniversary of Declaration of the Republic of India. It also provides opportunities to experts in music, theatre, fine arts, folk, preservation and restoration of monuments, libraries and museums to exchange experience and take part in conferences, symposia and seminars. Both sides have agreed to continue the development of cultural co-operation between the municipalities of the Capitals of both the countries.