

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:887

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PROVISION OF LOAN TO FOLK DANCERS VILLAGE DRAMA PERFORMERS

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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the conditions of village drama performers and traditional folk dance/drama artists;
- (b) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to provide occupational loan to village drama performers and traditional folk dance/drama artists;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) The Department of Culture is promoting the preservation and development of folk and tribal arts and culture through the Zonal Cultural Centres by providing performance opportunities to the folk/tribal performers all sponsoring them in various festivals and events. In addition, the Department also has a scheme for grant of financial assistance to voluntary organizations and institutions engaged in the preservation and promotion of tribal and folk art and culture.