

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

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EXHIBITION BY SANGEET NATAK AKADEMI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sangeet Natak Akademi is organising a series of exhibitions of Indian Musical Instruments;
- (b) whether this exhibition proposed to be taken around smaller towns in the country;
- (c) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is also a programme to teach people to make such instruments; and
- (e) the details of the work undertaken by the Akademi for encouraging the use and production of Indian Musical Instruments?

Answer

MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Akademi has recently organised an exhibition of Indian Musical Instruments in Delhi from 21st March to 3rd April this year. Presently, there is no proposal with the Akademi for taking the exhibition to other places.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Sangeet Natak Akademi has intimated that under their Plan Scheme of `Training and Preservation of Traditional Performing Arts`, the Akademi has started Training programs in making of Musical Instruments.
- (e) The Akademi has been organizing Festivals, performances and special functions focussing on Musical Instruments in which well-known musicians representing major instruments have also been participating. The Akademi has also documented the process of making of musical instruments. Sangeet Natak Akademi awards have been given to makers of Musical Instrument viz. Shri Bhishan Dass Sharma of Delhi and Shri Nokot Khriam of Meghalaya.