

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6855
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VISIT OF FOREIGN ARTISTS SPORTSPERSONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for various functions organised by the ICCR during the last two years, year-wise; and
(b) the number of foreign artists/sportspersons etc. who came down to India during the said period, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) The funds allocated for various functions, organised by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), excluding functions organised by its Cultural Centres abroad for which information is being gathered, during the last two years were as follows:-

1998-1999 : Rs. 1232 lakhs#
1999-2000 : Rs. 439 lakhs

= included Rs.870.0 lakhs additional funds made available to ICCR by MEA for 50th Anniversary celebrations during F.Y. 1998-99

(b) The numbers of foreign artistes/sportspersons who came to India during the last two years are given below:

(i) Performing artistes##

1998-1999 : 860 artistes (including 50th Anniversary)
1999-2000 : 377 artistes

: details, country -wise, are at Annexure A

(ii) Sportspersons : Department of Sports has indicated that this information is not readily available and is being collated from different sources.

ANNEXURE -`A`

INCOMING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS APRIL, 98 - MARCH, 99

S.No.	Country	No. of Artistes
1.	Austria	10
2.	Bangladesh	49
3.	Bhutan	12

4.	Bulgaria	02	
5.	Croatia	53	
6.	Cyprus	04	
7	Czech Republic	22	
8.	Egypt	30	
9.	France	16	
10.	Greece	08	
11.	Germany	13	
12.	Hungary	24	
13.	Ireland	03	
14.	Italy	03	
15.	Kyrgyzstan	32	
16.	Maldives	14	
17.	Mauritius	53	
18.	Morocco	03	
19.	Myanmar	10	
20.	Nepal	17	
21.	Netherlands	04	
22.	Nigeria	20	
23.	Norway	09	
24.	Oman	40	
25.	Pakistan	30	
26.	Poland	10	
27.	Republic of Korea	123	
28.	Russia	08	
29.	Singapore	22	
30.	Slovakia	40	
31.	South Africa	13	
32.	Spain	04	
33.	Sri Lanka	52	
34.	Syria	30	
35.	Thailand	25	
36.	Tunisia	09	
37.	Turkey	07	
38.	UK	04	
39.	USA	16	
40.	Zanzibar	16	

Total 860

ANNEXURE - `A` -Cont.

INCOMING CULTURAL DELEGATIONS APRIL, 99 TO MARCH, 2000

S.No.	Country	No. of Artistes
1.	Austria	108
2.	Bangladesh	32
3.	Bulgaria	05
4.	China	20
5.	Egypt	27
6.	France	06
7	Germany	17

8.	Greece	09
9.	Italy	29
10.	Japan	07
11.	Namibia	22
12.	Maynmar	15
13.	Netherland	02
14.	Nepal	06
15.	South Africa	06
16.	Singapore	16
17.	Sri Lanka	13
18.	Uganda	07
19.	UK	15
20.	Vietnam	15

Total 377