

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

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PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF TRIBAL CULTURE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has prepared any action plan for the preservation and promotion of languages, folk dances, art and culture of tribals in the country;
- b) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the assistance given to various agencies/NGOs by the Government for the purpose during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): The Department of Culture has a number of programmes to preserve and promote tribal culture and folk art. They include a number of programmes sponsored by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal, Zonal Cultural Centres and the Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata. In addition, the Department of Culture has a specific Scheme for Preservation and Promotion of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture. Under this Scheme, Voluntary Organisations, Institutions and Individuals both tribal and non-tribal, who are engaged in the preservation of Tribal and Folk Art and Culture are provided financial assistance

(c): Under scheme of Financial Assistance for promotion of Tribal Folk & Art, grants given during the last three years is as under:

Year	(In thousands of Rupees)
2003-04	60,00
2004-05	100,00
2005-06	170,00