

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

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ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL CULTURE CENTRE IN BIHAR

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

- (a) the procedure adopted for setting up a Regional Cultural Centre;
- (b) the main functions of the Regional Cultural Centre;
- (c) whether the Union Government is contemplating to set up a Regional Cultural Centre in Bihar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (b) The Government has not set up any Regional Cultural Centre. The Department has however, set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres in the mid '80s. These 7 Centres are set up, encompassing all the States and Union Territories of the country to extend support to artists especially the folk and traditional artists.

(c) to (e) There is no proposal for setting up any Zonal Cultural Centre in Bihar as the State is already being looked after by the East Zone Cultural Centre at Kolkata and the North Central Zone Cultural Centre at Allahabad.