

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROPAGATE INDIAN ART AND CULTURE IN OTHER COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to propagate the Indian Art and Culture in other countries;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to involve Non-Resident Indians in this work;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether Indian troupes are being sent abroad to propagate Indian Art and Culture there; and
- (f) if so, the details of troupes sent abroad alongwith the amount spent on them during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b) The Government of India has been actively pursuing the policy of cultural cooperation with other countries with the objective of propagating Indian art and culture abroad. Since Independence, India has entered into cultural agreements under which Cultural Exchange Programmes are formulated.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The details of troupes and the expenditure on them during the last three years is as follows :-

Year	Number of Cultural Troupes sent abroad	Number of Cultural visited	Number of Countries Rs. (Lakhs)	Actual Expenditure
2001-2002	65		72	303.08
2002-2003	78 69	403.90		
2003-2004	119 89		701.63	