

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AWARD FOR TRADITIONAL AND FOLK THEATRE
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to set up an award to promote traditional and folk theatre in the country to revive age old art;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The Sangeet Natak Akademi confers Akademi awards annually in the field of Drama, Music & Theatre in which traditional/folk theatre is represented every year. One award has also been given in field of traditional/folk theatre under Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar Scheme instituted in 2006.