

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AWARENESS ABOUT CULTURAL VALUES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that strong Indian culture values is vanishing from the Indian youths;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the concrete steps the Government is taking or proposed to launch awareness programmes/drives about Indian cultural values among the young Indian youths;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to set up any Cultural Centre in West Bengal;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a),(b),(c)& (d) : Under the scheme of Scholarship and Junior Fellowship, the scholarships and fellowships are awarded to young artists in the field of Indian Classical Dance, Indian Classical Music, Theatre, Visual Art and Folk/Traditional forms of Arts etc .

The Centre for Cultural Resource and Training, an autonomous organisation under this Ministry has been revitalizing the education system by creating understanding and awareness among students about the plurality of the regional cultures of India and integrating this with education. The main thrust of the Centre is to make youth aware of the importance of culture in all developmental programmes.

(e),(f) & (g) : Under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Setting up of Multi-Purpose Cultural Complexes to State Governments, West Bengal Government has been given an initial instalment of Rs.35.00 lakhs for setting up of Multi-Purpose Cultural Complex.