

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:71
ANSWERED ON:19.02.2009
PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government for preservation and promotion of Indian Culture across the country during the last three years;
- (b) the details of new programmes drawn up for promotion and dissemination of awareness about Indian Culture during the above said period; and
- (c) the amount of the funds released to the Non Government Organizations for the purpose during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 FOR 19.02.2009 REGARDING PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE

a) The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of Indian Culture across the Country. The activities undertaken in this regard are contained in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for the years 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 which have been laid on the table of the House.

b) The Various Schemes implemented by the Government involve Promotion of Culuture and include the element of dissemination of awareness about Indian Culture. Besides this, the Government has carried out dissemination of awareness about Culture & related issues through advertisements and other campaigns both through Ministry of Culture & Ministry of Tourism. The attached and subordinate offices and autonomous Institutions under the Ministry also undertake numerous activities to disseminate awareness about Indian Culture and Heritage. The expenditure incurred on these campaigns by Ministry of Culture during the last three years is as follows:

Year Total Amount
(Rupees in Lakh)

2005-06 135.00)

2006-07 338.50)

2007-08 310.30)

c) The total Amount of funds released to Non Government Organizations under various Schemes during the above period are as under:-

Year Total amount
(Rupees in crores)

2005-06 43.75)

2006-07 60.57)

2007-08 28.26)