

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRAHAYANA SAKA CENTRAL ADVISORY BOARD ON CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a Central Advisory Board on Culture;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the terms and reference of the board; and
- (d) the extent to which it would help the Government in policy making?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d) The Board has been constituted to take an integrated view of the various shades of opinion from different domains of culture.

The Board has the following terms of reference:

(i) To advise the Ministry of Culture at the policy level to evolve programmes which would focus attention on the creativity at different levels of Indian society, and in different regions, which hitherto has been either neglected or not sustained through the existing institutional mechanisms.

(ii) To identify the human repositories in the diverse sub-fields and advise on the strategies to ensure a continuity of transmission and to recommend to the Government programmes that will integrate the creativity of these long traditions with the processes of development.

(iii) To coordinate the functions of each of the bodies under the Ministry so as to bring about a greater measure of cohesive policy.

(iv) To examine the extent and manner in which various facets of Indian Culture are being addressed by concerned agencies.

(v) To help provide inputs for the formulation of new, need-based programmes in the field of culture.

(vi) To advise on the work of the National Missions set up by the Ministry of Culture.
