

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ART
Dutt Smt. Priya Sunil

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The efforts being made by the Government to promote art in the country;
- (b) whether due to Government's apathy towards this field, a number of young artists have been emigrating to Europe and other eastern countries during the last few years;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to check migration of artists to other countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of arts and culture. The activities are carried out through the attached, subordinate and autonomous institutions and also through implementation of a number of plan schemes.

(b) to (d) : No, Sir. It may not be appropriate to attribute emigration of young artists to any apathy of the Government and young artists may choose to seek recognition abroad.