

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL/ REGIONAL ART AND CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any programme to promote traditional/regional culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of programmes being undertaken in Maharashtra in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to implement new programmes in association with the private sector and the State Governments to promote regional art and culture in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

to (c): The mandate of the Ministry of Culture inter-alia is to promote traditional/regional culture all over the country, including Maharashtra. The activities are carried out through the many attached and subordinate offices and autonomous institutions under the Ministry.

(d) and (e): The National Culture Fund (NCF) has been set up by the Government with the objective of encouraging the participation of the corporate sector, NGOs, State Governments, public/private sector and individuals in the task of promoting, protecting and presenting India's cultural heritage (both tangible and intangible) and imparting of training, in cultural activities.