

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ZONAL CULTURAL CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the aims and objectives of Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) in the country;
- (b) whether there is no ZCC in the State of Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of ZCC, location-wise and the schemes/programmes organised/executed by each centre, ZCC-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The aims and objectives of the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) are to preserve, promote and disseminate the arts, specially folk/tribal arts of the country. The ZCCs endeavour to develop and promote the rich diversity and uniqueness of various arts of the Zone and to upgrade and enrich consciousness of the people about their cultural heritage.
- (b) & (c) There are only seven ZCCs in the country. Though no ZCC has its headquarters in Karnataka, the state of Karnataka is a member of the South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC), having its headquarters at Thanjavur and also of South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC) having its headquarters at Nagpur.
- (d) The details are annexed.