

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MUSIC FESTIVAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The events included in the "Parampara", the festival of music and dance in the country;
- (b) whether this is restricted only to the Hindustani stream of music and dance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that Mappila Pattu and Oppana is the traditional music and dance of the Muslims of Malabar; and
- (e) If so, the steps taken to preserve the same and the proposal to be included in Parampara festival of music and dance?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Various artistes and groups organize, at their levels, festivals of dance and music in the name of 'Parampara' and other allied titles. Of the institutions under the Ministry of Culture, the West Zone Cultural Centre at Udaipur organizes an event called "Parampara Mahotsava" in Maharashtra, in collaboration with the Government of Maharashtra and the University of Mumbai. This event includes folk dances and music from across the country.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) & (e) Yes sir.

These art forms are widely included in the National Cultural Exchange Programme by the Zonal Cultural Centres. As part of these efforts, a group of 15 members from Kerala was deputed to perform Oppana dance at various places during the Festival of India in Kuwait from 8th to 14th November, 2009. Recently, the dance form of Oppana was also presented during Saptarang festival in 'Triveni Mahotsav', Allahabad from 19th to 25th February, 2010 and in 'Taj Mahotsav', Agra from 18th to 24th February, 2010.

The music and dance forms of Mappilapattu and Oppana are also included in the festivals or Kalolsavams organized by the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Academy, Thrissur, under the State Government of Kerala.