

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether zonal level cultural programmes have been conducted at Avinashi in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to conduct such cultural programmes all over India periodically to display the country's ancient culture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No, sir.

(c) & (d) Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres having headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objective of these Centres is preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional/folk arts of the country. These Centres 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. These Centres have been carrying out various activities and organizing programmes at the national, zonal and local levels in accordance with their aims and objectives. Besides, Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi also works for preservation and promotion of India's traditional performing arts and periodically organizes festivals of music, dance, theatre, puppetry etc. in different parts of the country.