

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME TO DEVELOP HIMALAYAN COMMUNITIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has any scheme under consideration to preserve and develop Himalayan Communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether NGOs participation is being considered to study and develop Himalayan communities; and
- (a) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Culture implements a scheme of financial assistance for the Preservation and Development of Cultural Heritage of Himalayas. The objective of the scheme is to :

- i). study and research all aspects of cultural heritage;
- ii). collection of objects of art and craft and documentation of cultural artifacts including the folk, music, dance and literature;
- iii). dissemination through audio-visual programmes of art and culture;
- iv). training in traditional and folk arts; and
- v). assisting in and setting up of museums and libraries, etc.

Under the scheme, Voluntary organizations, institutions, societies, trusts registered under the Society's Registration Act 1860 and individuals, etc. can apply.