

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CULTURAL EDUCATION

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any educational aids have been evolved/initiated to impart cultural education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether inputs from foreign countries have been solicited for this purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any incentives are given to teachers for their contributions to promotion of Indian culture; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Culture, has produced educational kits for imparting cultural education which are provided to the teachers, when they come to CCRT for training. The educational kits consist of slides, recorded illustrations and written texts on architecture, sculpture, painting, art, handicrafts, music, dance, theatre, puppetry, etc. In addition, publications on various aspects of Indian art and culture, such as classical dances, musical instruments of India, world heritage sites in India, cultural history of India, are provided in the educational kits. Audio and video CDs on various aspects of Indian culture are also provided.

(c) & (d) No, Sir. However, CCRT has a collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO, Japan, for producing materials on the culture of other Asian and Pacific countries.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. CCRT has constituted CCRT Teachers' Award which is given every year to selected teachers in recognition of their outstanding contributions made in the field of education and culture. The award carries with it a Citation, a Plaque, an Angavastram and a cash prize of Rs.10,000/-. These contributions are also taken into consideration by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) while conferring the CBSE and National Teacher Awards.