

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN BUNDELKHAND
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government for cultural development in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh and UP;
- (b) whether cultural development works have been undertaken to promote the culture of Bundelkhand regions of the two States during the year 2009-10 and the current year;
- (c) if so, the facilities being provided to cultural artisans of the region;
- (d) whether the cultural artisans of the region are giving up their arts gradually; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) Ministry of Culture operates a number of schemes and programmes to protect and promote culture through its organizations all over India including Bundelkand region of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) to (e): During the year 2009-10 and current year the following activities have been carried out by the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Culture under which artisans from Bundelkhand alongwith other artists participated.
 - (i) A multi feature programme of folk/tribal performing art forms entitled "Lok Prasang-I" was organised from 11th to 13th July 2009 at Bhopal in which artists from Bundelkhand presented folk dances.
 - (ii) An Artists "Workshop on Metal Arts & Traditions" and a training camp entitled "Shilpayan-2" were organised in March-April,2010. Artists from various parts of India including Bundelkhand participated in the Workshop.