

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ARTS FOR UNESCO INSCRIPTION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UNESCO has inscribed three Indian performing art forms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a number of Indian Art forms are borrowed for UNESCO's inscription;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to forward many Indian art forms for inclusion in the UNESCO; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Three items from India have been inscribed in November, 2010, on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH). These are:

- (i) Mudiyettu: ritual theatre and dance drama, Kerala
- (ii) Chhau Dance
- (iii) Kalbelia: folk songs and dances, Rajasthan

The following items from India are also inscribed on the UNESCO's Representative List of ICH:

- (i) Ramlila : the traditional performance of the Ramayana
- (ii) The tradition of Vedic chanting
- (iii) Kutiyattam, Sanskrit theatre
- (iv) Ramman: religious festival and ritual theatre of the Garhwal Himalayas, India
- (v) Nowrouz

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. Forwarding of nominations for inscription on UNESCO's Representative List of ICH is an ongoing annual process. In August, 2009, India had submitted 20 items for inscription on the list, out of which three have since materialized.