

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TV CHANNEL FOR INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has a dedicated TV channel for Indian classical music and dance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some classical artists have demanded for launching of a separate national channel by Doordarshan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any consultation has been held with the Information and Broadcasting Ministry in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. DD Bharti, a niche channel of Cultural heritage, extensively telecasts programmes of Music, Dance and other performing arts.

In addition to it, Doordarshan is telecasting National Programme of Music every Saturday from 8.00 AM to 8.30 AM and National Programme of Dance every Thursday from 11.30 PM to 12.00 midnight, on DD National.

(c)to(f) A group of classical artistes under the aegis of the All India Musicians Group (AIMG) met the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th December, 2010 to discuss various issues related to classical music and dance. Starting a separate TV Channel on culture was one of the points raised at the meeting. The matter is currently under consideration, in consultation with Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.