

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DANCE  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether classical music and dance of the country is the neglected one and would extinct in the coming decades;
- (b) if so, whether there is any demand for inclusion of classical music and dance as a part of curriculum to promote art and dance in schools;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/being taken by the Government to include classical music, dance, art, etc., in the school curriculum?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Sangeet Natak Akademi, set up by the Government, under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, carries out a number of activities, operating various schemes and organizes a number of programmes and events to preserve and promote various forms of music and dance, including the traditional/classical forms of music and dance. It also operates a number of specialized centres for art forms such as Kathak and Manipuri dance and music. Kalakshetra Foundation another autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture also works for excellence in classical forms such as Bharatnatyam and Kathakkali.

(b) to (d) The National Curriculum Framework (NCF)-2005 recommends Arts Education and Heritage Crafts to be brought in the domain of curricular areas. In consonance with NCF- 2005, the new syllabi and textbooks in all subject areas developed by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) includes components of Indian Culture and Philosophy in an integrated manner. NCERT has also developed syllabus in the area of Art, Music, Dance and Theatre for classes I to XII, which incorporate various components including classical music. Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) prescribes NCERT syllabus in different subjects and students can offer the main subjects of Music/ Dance/Indian Traditional Dance Drama as elective in Senior Secondary level.