

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing schemes to conduct cultural festivals to display dances and other cultural activities from different States on a common platform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to organise programmes to showcase the dances and culture of different States in various parts of the country?

Answer

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

(a)and(b): The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objectives of the ZCCs are the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional folk arts and culture of the various States/ UTs. The ZCCs endeavour to develop and promote the rich diversity and uniqueness of various arts of the Zone and to upgrade and enrich consciousness of the people about their cultural heritage. The ZCCs, through their schemes such as the National Cultural Exchange Programme and the Octave and Loktarang (National Folk Dance Festival) conduct cultural festivals to display dances and other cultural activities from different States.

(c) Does not arise.