

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TRIBAL DANCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to promote India's tribal dance forms on the international stage; and
(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes, ICCR sponsors tribal dance groups to participate in cultural events and festivals abroad.

(b) In the last three years, the following tribal dance groups have been sponsored by ICCR:

1. 12-Member Siddi Goma group led by Shri Allarakhs Mukindo, Gujarat to Spain.
2. 14-Member Sarabhuj group led by Shri Tarun Pradhan, West Bengal to China.
3. 10- Member Siddi Goma group led by Ms. Siddi Roomanaben Chotubhai, Gujarat to Senegal.
4. 10-Member Nomadic Caravan group "Chinh" led by Ms. Meenakshi Rai to Canada.
5. 10-Member Mayur Bhanj Chhau group "Dakshina Sahi Chhau Nritya Mandir" led by Shri Kartikeshwer Rana, Orissa to Trinidad and Tobago.