

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5141
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PROMOTION OF MITHILA PAINTINGS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the plight of the artists of the Mithila form of paintings;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken steps to promote and popularise the said art including providing platform for its artists to showcase their talent and find buyers for them;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up an art gallery in New Delhi specifically for Mithila paintings; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b): Yes Sir, the Government has taken steps to promote and popularize the said art including providing platform for its artists to showcase their talent and find buyers for them through the attached subordinate offices and autonomous institutions under the Ministry.
- (c): The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) organises various exhibitions, workshops, seminars etc. to popularize art and craft forms, including Mithila form of painting. Moreover, Craft Museum, under the Ministry of Textiles, invites two craft persons working in the area of Mithila art under the Craft Demonstration programme every month.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.