

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF CULTURE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched/proposes to launch any new project/programme to promote culture in the country including Maharashtra during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the achievements made so far in the development and promotion of culture in the country including Maharashtra?

Answer

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

(a)& (b): The Government has proposed two Centrally Sponsored Schemes and seven Central Schemes for preserving and promoting performing, visual and literary arts during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-2017).

(c): The Ministry aims at promoting preserving and protecting the diverse tangible, intangible and knowledge heritage of the country through schemes and programmes implemented by its attached, subordinate and autonomous organizations throughout the country, including Maharashtra. Financial assistance/scholarships/ grants are also offered by the Government to eminent artists, individuals, NGOs and scholars in the field of art and culture.