

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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JHOOMAR FOLK DANCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote Jhoomar folk dance of Odisha;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres to promote, preserve and disseminate the traditional folk arts and culture of the various States/UTs. The State of Odisha falls under the jurisdiction of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata.

The EZCC has identified and introduced the Jhoomar Folk Dance under Guru- Shishya Parampara Scheme of the Centre for its promotion & revival during the year 2012-13.

North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur had invited Jhoomar folk dance troupes to perform in festivals and cultural programmes organized by it in Assam, in recent past.

Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under the Ministry, has presented Jhoomar Nrutya in its Lok Utsav Festivals held in Bhubaneswar, Hyderabad and Delhi.

(c): Does not arise.