

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FOLK DANCES OF BUNDELKHAND
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote the folk dances in the country including Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh;
- (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 of India 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 preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional folk arts and culture of the various States/ UTs. Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh is in the ambit of North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad. The ZCCs have been carrying out various activities and organizing programmes at the national, zonal and local levels in accordance with their aims and objectives, implemented through the following schemes:-

- i. National Cultural Exchange Programme.
- ii. Guru Shishya Parampara Scheme.
- iii. Young Talented Artistes Scheme.
- iv. Documentation of Vanishing Art Forms.
- v. Theatre Rejuvenation Scheme
- vi. Shilpagram Activities
- vii. Loktarang- National Folk Dance Festival and OCTAVE - the Festival of the North East.

(c): Does not arise.