

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FESTIVALS FOR CARNATIC VOCALISTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is organizing festivals for carnatic vocalists in different parts/States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following festivals have been organized by the Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under this Ministry, during the last three years in which Carnatic vocalists participated:-

- (i) Akademi Award Festival 2008, 2009 and 2010.
- (ii) Sangeet Sangam, Indore (MP) from 14th to 18th February, 2008.
- (iii) Swaranjali, Delhi from 4th to 6th May, 2009.
- (iv) Sangeet Sangam, Bengaluru (Karnataka) from 9th to 13th June, 2009.
- (v) Sangeet Pratibha, Udaipur (Rajasthan) from 12th to 15th March, 2011.

In addition, funds are provided to Not-for- Profit organizations from all over India under the Cultural Functions Grant Scheme (CFGS) for organizing various festivals on different aspects of Indian culture including Carnatic vocal music.

(c) Does not arise.