

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:812  
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2012  
FOLK DANCES  
Meghe Shri Datta Raghobaji

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number and names of folk dances which have been awarded the status of classical dance in the country;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to confer the status of classical dance to 'Lawani', the famous folk dance of Maharashtra; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a): The Government does not 'award the status of classical dance' to any dance forms in the country.
- (b): No, Sir.
- (c): Does not arise.