

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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ICCR

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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of research activities taken up by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) during the last three years;
- (b) the particulars of cultural groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performing in other countries during the last three years indicating country, specific occasion and type of programmes in detail;
- (c) the list of artist or groups from the North-Eastern Region who were sponsored/ deputed for such occasions;
- (d) whether it has been decided to depute traditional art and cultural groups from the north-east region in future;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Although Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is not a research institution, it extends facilities to foreign scholars to undertake research in the field of culture and Indian studies under its Senior & Junior Fellowship scheme. Besides the above scheme, the Council also supports International students to pursue PhD and Post-Doctoral research in India under its various scholarship schemes.

Apart from the above two schemes meant for foreign scholars, Council also extends support to Indian academicians to do field research in an International university for a period of 3 months under its scheme, 'Study Visits of Indian Scholars abroad'.

(b) The groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performance of art, culture and other activities during the last three years indicating country, specific occasion, period and type of programmes are enclosed at Annexure "A"

(c) The artists / groups from North Eastern Region who were Sponsored / deputed for such occasions is enclosed at Annexure "B"

(d) & (e) Yes. As can be seen from the annexures, the Council has always endeavored to include traditional art and cultural groups from the region.

(g) Not Applicable.