

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF ARTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Union Government to encourage the institutions engaged in promoting art, culture and folk music in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the Union Government is considering to provide additional economic assistance to the State in order to encourage students who are learning the said arts; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a): Ministry of Culture implements several Schemes to encourage, inter-alia, institutions engaged in promoting art, culture and folk music all over the country including Maharashtra. A list of such Schemes is given at Annexure – A. In addition, some autonomous bodies under the Ministry (such as Sangeet Natak Akademi, Zonal Cultural Centres etc.) also encourage institutions/ individuals engaged in promoting art, culture and folk music in the country including Maharashtra.

(b) & (c): No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.