

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any scheme is being implemented or is proposed to be implemented to showcase the dances and other cultural programmes of various States/Regions on a common platform;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with the objective of promotion and preservation of traditional folk arts of various States/regions. They organize cultural events all over the country at the national, zonal and local levels. Details of their Schemes have been given in the Annexure.

Apart from it, Sangeet Natak Akademi, Kalakshetra Foundation and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangaralaya under this Ministry also patronize, through their Schemes and promotional work, dances and other cultural activities of various States.