

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL CENTRES
Singh Shri Ganesh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has prepared any action plan for the development of cultural centres in the country;
- (b) if so, the sites in Madhya Pradesh for which financial assistance has been provided so far;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to provide assistance for the three days programme celebrated by the State Government in memory of Baba Alauddin Khan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government is aware that new musical instruments like 'Nal Tarang' had been developed in Maihar based music school of Baba Alauddin Khan; and
- (f) if so, the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to preserve said art?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) & (b): The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs). The State of Madhya Pradesh falls in the jurisdiction of both the North Central Zone Cultural Centre, head quarter at Allahabad and South Central Zone Cultural Centre, head quarter at Nagpur. As such, there is no proposal to set up any cultural centre in Madhya Pradesh.
- (c) & (d): No proposal has been received from State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard.
- (e): Yes, Sir.
- (f): The Government operates Schemes under which support can be extended for the preservation of said art, on application and subject to conditions being met. However, there is no specific proposal for preservation of 'Nal Tarang'.