

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DANCES AND ART FORMS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any data regarding the various dances, dramas, art forms, martial arts, folklore, visual arts etc. that are unique to each State;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to publish books on these; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) and (b): Sangeet Natak Akademi, an autonomous organization under this Ministry have audio and video tapes, books, photographs and films on research work done in the field of Dance, Music and Drama. The Akademi maintains a reference Library consisting of books on various aspects of Dance, Drama and Music of the different States/UTs. The Akademi also has a gallery of musical Instruments, masks and puppets. The data published by the Akademi brings out the uniqueness of art in each State. Two other of the Ministry's Organizations namely, Lalit Kala Akademi and Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya have also published some books on tangible and intangible art forms of the country.

(c) : Does not arise.