

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Commission for Culture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to preserve and protect folk and tribal arts and cultural forms;
- (c) whether the Government regularly organizes cultural programmes in various States including in small cities and districts of the country to promote art and culture;
- (d) if so, the details of programmes organized along with the funds allocated/spent for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (e) whether it is fact that Yuva Shakti Pratishthan, Ahmednagar (Maharashtra)
- (a) had organized Dandiya Fever, 2012 and has requested the Government for financial assistance; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a): No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with their headquarters at Dimapur, Kolkata, Allahabad, Patiala, Udaipur, Nagpur and Thanjavur to preserve, promote and disseminate varied arts of their zones, especially the folk and tribal arts. The ZCCs have been regularly organizing a variety of cultural programmes in all parts of the country.

(d): The Cultural Programmes organized by the Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) include Lok Tarang, Octave, Prakriti, National Theatre Festivals, Summer Workshop for Children, SAARC Folklore Festival, Hampi Utsav, Mega Event of TRIFED, Diu Festival, 'Lehar the Wave' - National Festival of Coastal Arts, Dweep Mahotsav, International Children's Film Festival, Sonapur Mela, Golden Beach Festival, Orange City Craft Mela & Folk Dance Festival, Lawani Mahotsava, Pimpri Chinchwad Festival, Parampara Mahotsav, Silver Jubilee celebrations of ZCCs Yatras, holding of exhibitions, release of Coffee Table Book, folk performances at Indo-Pak border, Yuva Sangeet Nritya, Lok Kala Yatra in rural areas, Sharad Utsav, Nariyal Purnima, National Folk Dance Festival, Workshops etc.

The numbers of programmes organized by ZCCs, State-wise, during the last 3 years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

The funds released to Zonal Cultural Centres were Rs. 2116.40 lakhs in 2009-10, Rs. 2345.16 lakhs in 2010-11 and Rs. 2760.73 lakhs in 2011-12 for organizing cultural events. In the current year Rs. 2052.90 lakhs have so far been released to the Zonal Cultural Centres.

(e): No, Madam.

(f): Does not arise.