

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL FOLK ARTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have made any special budgetary provisions to promote and preserve the traditional folk arts of each State in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a), (b) & (c): Ministry of Culture has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with the objective of promotion and preservation of traditional folk arts of States within their respective jurisdictions. Although budgetary provisions are not made state-wise, a total budget of Rs. 2159 lakhs has been allocated to ZCCs under Plan during 2009-10 (including Rs. 759 lakhs under NE head) for implementation of their schemes. The details of the ZCCs and the schemes implemented by them are at Annexure. In addition, Sangeet Natak Akademi and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts have provisions for supporting the traditional art forms by way of grants, festivals, collections, documentation, research and publication etc; and the Ministry of textiles operates schemes through the office of Development Commissioners of Handlooms and Handicrafts.