

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:495
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013
COMMITTEE ON LIVING AND DIVERSE CULTURAL TRADITIONS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Coordination Committee on Living and Diverse Cultural Traditions has been set up by the Government;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the composition of the said Committee;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to prepare a Register of India's Intangible Cultural Heritage in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the said Committee has invited the views/ suggestions of various experts in the preparation of such Register and if so, the details thereof? ANSWER MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

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(e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

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(c) to (e) A 5 member Group constituted by the Coordination Committee examined the issue and recommended to prepare a Status Report on the eco-cultural mapping of institutions, resource persons, reference material and ideas. Based on the recommendation, Ministry of Culture commissioned Centre for Environment Education (CEE) to prepare a report. A Report and Catalogue, titled 'Parampara' has been prepared by CEE.

The Sub Commission on Culture under the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) has also recommended, inter-alia, for listing of India's Intangible cultural heritage. The issue was deliberated by the aforesaid Coordination Committee and the Committee decided that an Expert Committee be set up to look into the various issues relating to the safeguarding and promotion of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH).

