

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6052
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PROMOTION OF DANCE FESTIVALS OF NAGALAND
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government promotes and brings Nagaland in the cultural field and mainstream through Dance Festivals;
- (b) if so the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the number and names of the Foreign Dance Troupes that visited and participated in annual dance festivals of the State in December each year during the last three years.

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs releases grants to the State Governments for organizing dance festivals etc. under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Organization of Tribal Festivals. The scheme envisages awareness, promotion and dissemination of tribal art & culture and traditional sports events at Local, District, State and National levels by encouraging their inherent talent and ensuring participation at national and international events.

(c) As per information received from the Government of Nagaland, details of foreign troupes who visited and participated in annual dance festival during the last three years are as follows.

Years Countries participated in Dance Festivals in Nagaland

2010 Myanmar, Thailand, Korea.

2011 Myanmar, Thailand, Korea

2012 Thailand, Japan, Korea