

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TRIBAL CULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of schemes implemented by the Government for the promotion of art and culture of tribals and providing assistance to tribal artists ;
- (b) the financial assistance provided under such schemes to the States/UTs and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) during each of the last three years, and the current year scheme and State/UT-wise including Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Union Territory of Lakshadweep ;
- (c) the details of NGOs engaged in promotion art and culture of various tribes;
- (d) the number of beneficiaries under such schemes including number of artists honoured during the said period, scheme and State/UT-wise and
- (e) the further measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the promotion of art and culture of tribals ?

**Answer**

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

(a): Tribal Art and Culture is part of Composite Indian Culture. Preservation, promotion and dissemination of traditional art including tribal art & culture are ensured through seven Zonal Cultural Centres established by Ministry of Culture. Ministry of Tribal Affairs also supplements efforts of State Governments in organizing tribal festivals through grants. Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs), established in 18 states/UTs of the country also undertake research on different aspects of tribal life including their languages, art and culture and set up tribal museums for exhibiting tribal artifacts and promotion of tribal culture. Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with Ministry of Culture, also organizes a National Tribal Festival to showcase a holistic picture of tribal culture and heritage in all its vibrancy and colours. The Festival provides glimpses of rich cultural heritage through unique forms of folk dances. Grants are given to various cultural organizations under the Ministry of Culture for providing financial assistance to promote and preserve various cultures and cultural activities including Tribal Culture and activities connected therewith.

(b) to (d) The Schemes don't envisage direct assistance to tribal artists. No fund is provided to NGOs for the purpose of promotion of tribal art & culture by the Ministry. The Ministry doesn't maintain list of NGOs engaged in promotion of tribal art and culture. However, scheme-wise and State/UT-wise details of financial assistance provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the States/UTs for Tribal Research Institutes/Organizing Tribal Festivals during each of the last three years and the current financial year are annexed.

(e) Other measures taken by the Government to promote tribal culture include a project namely, North East Centre for Oral Literature (NECO) at Agartala exclusively for the cause of promotion and upliftment of tribal culture. The Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts undertakes research and documentation including tribal art and culture. The Zonal Cultural Centres make special efforts to encourage tribal arts. The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya carries out programmes for popularization of cultures of India, of which preservation and promotion of art and culture of tribes living in different areas of the country is an important and integral part. The Anthropological Survey of India carries out anthropological research, covering various social, cultural and biological aspects of the people of India. There are eight zonal museums in the country, which display artifacts belonging to different communities of India, many of which focus on tribal communities in their culture.