

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps being taken by the Government to promote cultural development programmes in the country including Madhya Pradesh, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the names of States where culture development works were started to promote culture during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of facilities being provided to cultural artists, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the cultural artists are gradually abandoning their art; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) to (c) A number of financial assistance Schemes are being run by the Ministry of Culture to promote cultural development programmes and work throughout the country. Details of schemes, State and year wise beneficiaries under each scheme are available on the website of Ministry of Culture i.e. <http://indiaculture.nic.in>. Further, various autonomous organizations under the administrative control of this Ministry like National School of Drama, SangeetNatakAkademi, Lalit Kala Akademi, Central for Cultural Resources and Training, IGNC, Kalakshetra Foundation etc. coordinate and collaborate with the States and UTs for preserving and promoting Indian Culture. Besides the above, the Central Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres for development, promotion, preservation & dissemination of traditional folk art and culture of the various States/Union Territories including Madhya Pradesh.

(d) No Madam.

(e) Does not arise.