

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3947  
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PRESERVATION OF DANCE ART FORMS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to preserve the folk songs, dances and other art forms existing in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the folk songs, dances and other art forms preserved, so far;
- (c) whether the folk songs, dances and other art forms are available to the public and researchers;
- (d) if so, the places where these are available in the country; and
- (e) the efforts made/ being made to preserve all the art forms in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The Government has set up seven Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) having their headquarters at Patiala, Udaipur, Allahabad, Kolkata, Dimapur, Nagpur and Thanjavur. The main objectives of the ZCCs are the preservation, promotion and dissemination of the traditional folk arts and culture of all States/ Union Territories through its various schemes.
- (b) Various folk songs, dances and other art forms preserved so far by ZCCs include Gangaur Geet, folk dances of Goa, Bhawai, Giddha Folk Dance, Kalbelia Dance, Cultural Heritage of Shimla, Mahasu Dance of Himachal Pradesh, Life Style of Kinnaur, Colours & Sounds of North India, Kurukshetra Utsav-Geeta Jayanti Samaroh, Surajkund Mela, Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Zonal Cultural Centres, Kullu Dussehra, Renuka Festival, Sirmour Utsav, Nalwari Festival, Sindhu Darshan, Ladakh Festival, Buddhist Chham Dances, Komal Dhimsa, Tamasha, Tiger Dance, Burra Katha, Surabhi Natakam, Harikatha, Dhimsa, Dhola Maru, Danda Nritya, Dhankul Geet, Chau, etc.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) These are available in the library/ offices of Zonal Cultural Centres.
- (e) The Government of India through Zonal Cultural Centres is implementing various schemes to preserve all the art forms in the country.