

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING CULTURE IN INDIA AND ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote the culture of Jharkhand in the country and abroad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to include Jharkhand as part of the international tourism circuit in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) & (b) 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 the various States/ Union Territories including Jharkhand (State of Jharkhand comes under the jurisdiction of Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC), Kolkata).

Apart from Festivals of India organized by Ministry of Culture, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) an autonomous organization under Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has also been promoting folk and other artists by way of sponsoring their visits across the globe to give cultural performances and participate in various international events.

- (c) There is no such proposal, at present.
- (d) Does not arise.