

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES OF ICCR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of research and extension activities taken up by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) during the last three years;
- (b) the particulars of groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performance of art, culture and other activities during the last three years indicating country, specific, occasion, period and type of programmes;
- (c) the list of artists or groups from the Karnataka who were sponsored/deputed for such occasions;
- (d) whether it has been decided to include traditional art and cultural groups from Karnataka in future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Although the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is not a research institution, it extends facilities to foreign scholars to undertake research in the fields of cultural and Indian studies under its Senior and Junior Fellowship scheme. Besides the above scheme, the Council also supports international students to pursue PhD and Post-Doctoral research in India under its various scholarship schemes.

Apart from the above Fellowship and Scholarship schemes meant for foreign scholars, the Council also extends support to Indian academicians to do field research abroad in a university / institute for a period of 3 months under its scheme, "Study visits of Indian Scholars Abroad".

The detailed charts of the above schemes are at Annexure 1A, 1B and 1C.

(b) The particulars of groups sponsored/deputed by ICCR for performance of art, culture and other activities during the last three years indicating country, specific occasion, period and type of programmes are at Annexure 2.

(c) The lists of artist or groups from Karnataka State who were sponsored/deputed for occasions during the last three years are at Annexure 3.

(d) & (e) Yes. As can be seen from the annexures, the Council has always endeavored to include traditional art and cultural groups from the State in its programmes abroad.