

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has envisaged any policy/ programme for protection/ preservation/development/ revival and promotion of Indian tangible and intangible culture of various States of the country including Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) the achievement made in this regard along with the funds allocated and utilized by the Government for the purpose during each of the last three years in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is ready to constitute Special Commission/ Committee for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has set up a National Culture fund to preserve and develop Indian culture in collaboration with some private companies/institutions; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of companies/ institutions who contributed to this fund?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Culture implements a number of schemes and programmes aimed at protection/ preservation/development/ revival and promotion of the tangible and intangible culture of the country including Maharashtra. The schemes are applicable to all States and therefore no State-wise funds are allocated.

(c): No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) & (e): The Ministry of Culture had established the National Culture Fund in 1996 as a Trust under the Charitable Endowments Act 1890. NCF's primary mandate is to establish and nurture Public Private Partnerships in the field of heritage and mobilize resources for the restoration, conservation, protection and development of India's rich, natural, tangible and intangible heritage. Around 35 Companies/ institutions have contributed to this fund.