

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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FESTIVAL OF INDIA  
Shirole Shri Anil

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is organizing 'Festival of India' in various parts of the world;
- (b) if so, the details of the countries where 'Festival of India' was organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of funds spent on this festival during the above period?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) Details of 'Festival of India' organized by ICCR in last three years are as follows:

Year	Name of Festival	Country	Expenditure (Rs. In Lakhs)
2011-12	Year of India	USA & Canada	380
	Festival of India	South Korea	150
	Festival of India	Brazil	161
	Festival of India	Iran	19
	Festival of India	Russia	42
	Festival of India	Saudi Arabia	25
2012-13	Year of India	Germany	323
2013-14	Europalia. India 2014	Belgium	1278