

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURAL STUDY CENTRES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working with the Ministry of Human Resource Development for establishing cultural study centres in all the universities across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for cultural integration amongst youths of the country;
- (e) whether the Government has any scheme for students exchange programme for interstate cultural understanding; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) Due to financial constraints.
- (d) The cultural integration is a continuous process and is undertaken through festivals, training programmes, seminars, workshops, drama performances, exhibitions etc. organized across the country. The scholarships are granted under the Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Scheme (CTSSS) to children between 10-14 years of age for developing their talent in various cultural fields. The scholarship is initially awarded for two years and renewable upto the age of 20 years subject to the awardees maintaining good progress. The amount of scholarship is Rs. 3600/- per year for the scholarship holder in addition to reimbursement of the actual tuition fee paid to the guru/teacher upto the ceiling of Rs. 9000/- per year. A scheme namely Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme is also under operation with the objective to provide an opportunity for school children for the visit of museums and monuments apart from enriching the school resources with audio video material.
- (e) No, Madam.
- (f) Due to budgetary constraints.