

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ICCR SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various activities taken up by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR);
- (b) whether several cultural groups are sent to foreign countries under ICCR schemes and if so, the details of the groups so sent during the last three years and current year, year and country-wise;
- (c) whether there has been any change in the norms recently for sending cultural groups; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a) The details of various activities taken up by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) are at Annexure 1.
- (b) Yes, the Council sponsored several cultural groups to foreign countries under ICCR schemes, the details are placed at Annexure 2.
- (c) No, there has not been any change in the norms recently for sending cultural groups.
- (d) Not applicable.