

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES IN ZCCS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to initiate Research activities in Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) with special focus on folk arts/traditional art forms;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has reviewed the functioning/performance of ZCCs in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to constitute a committee which includes the local Member of Parliament to oversee the functioning of ZCCs; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Yes, Madam.
- (c) In August, 2010, Ministry of Culture constituted a Committee on Zonal Cultural Centres (ZCCs) under the Chairmanship of Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). The Committee was required to look into the functioning and performance of the seven ZCCs set up in the Country and make suitable recommendations. The Committee in its Report submitted on 11th April, 2011 made 92 recommendations pertaining to the strengthening and functioning of ZCCs. Most of the recommendations have been accepted by the Government.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) Does not arise.