

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF FOLK DANCE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are considering a proposal for promotion of Folk dance in the country;
- (b) if so, the grants given to various States during the last three years for the purpose, State-wise; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government for the promotion of Folk dances of these States?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) One of the major objectives of the seven Zonal Cultural Centres is the promotion of folk/tribal art forms. For this purpose, the Government of India gives annual grant to all the ZCCs. These funds are utilized by the ZCCs for promotion of cultural tradition including folk dances of various States. Funds are not given directly to the States. Besides, every year a National Folk Dance Festival is held at New Delhi on the eve of Republic Day Celebrations.