

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1242
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PHALGUNA SAKA INDIAN TRADITIONAL FOLK CULTURES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that most of Indian traditional folk cultures are disappearing;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to formulate any concrete policy to revive the Indian folk arts;
- (c) whether due to fall in the number of tourists on account of terrorism, the folk artists of India are on the verge of starvation; and
- (d) if so, measures being taken to give incentives to the artists?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) and (b): It may not be correct to say that most of the Indian traditional folk cultures are disappearing. The Zonal Cultural Centres under the Department of Culture have been reviving and supporting folk art forms, by providing performing opportunities. Besides, schemes like Guru Shishya Parampara, Documentation, National Cultural Exchange Programme, Theatre Rejuvenation Programmes which are also being implemented, have led to the revival of a number of traditional folk art forms.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.