

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214  
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2006  
PHALGUNA SAKA FUNDING OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is funding various cultural institutions in India and Indo-Foreign cultural societies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to develop the cultural ties with the foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of various cultural festivals celebrated both in India and abroad and the expenditure incurred on them individually during 2003, 2004 and 2005;
- (f) whether the Government has received any kind of sponsorship for conducting these cultural festivals; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) Yes Sir;
- (b) the details of grant in aid sanctioned to Indo-Foreign Friendship Cultural Societies during 2004-2005 and 2005-2006 are enclosed at Annexure-I
- (c) Yes Sir;
- (d) The Government has entered into Cultural Agreements with 117 countries. We have live Cultural Exchange Programmes with 26 countries. Details are enclosed at Annexure-II
- (e) 2003 :
  - i) 'Festival of India' in Bhutan from June 05 to November 26, 2003 Expenditure: Rs.212 lakhs approx.
  - ii) 'Days of Russian Culture' in India from November 01 to 08, 2003. Expenditure: Rs.135 lakhs approx.
- 2004 : Nil
- 2005 :
  - 'Days of Indian Culture in Russia' from September 26-October 04, 2005. Expenditure: Rs.154 lakhs approx.
- (f)& (g) The 'Days of Russian Culture' in India-2003 was partly sponsored by ONGC with a contribution of Rs.13.54 lakhs approx. The total expenditure for this festival was Rs.135 lakhs approx.

ANNEXURE -I In respect of answer to PART (b) of Unstarred Question no.1214 regarding FUNDING OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS To be asked in the LOK SABHA by SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY, M.P. on 2nd March, 2006 Phalguna 11, 1927 (SAKA) DETAILS OF GRANT IN AID TO INDO-FOREIGN FRIENDSHIP CULTURAL SOCIETIES DURING 2004-2005

S1.	COUNTRY	NAME OF SOCIETIES	AMOUNT
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no

1. France 1. Centre Mandopa Rs.1,25,000  
2. Kalavistar Rs.1,25,000  
3. Mission de l'Inde Rs.1,25,000  
4. Association action Rs.1,25,000  
5. Theatre entele Rs.1,25,000  
6. Triveni Rs.1,25,000  
7. Association Rs.1,25,000
2. Venezuela Indian Association Venezuela Rs.60,000
3. Ashgabat Association to Ganga Club Rs.25,000
4. Mongolia Mongolia friendship society Rs.1,00,000
5. Canada 1. Indo-Canada friendship society Rs.1,25,000  
2. Bharat Bhawan Rs.1,00,000  
3. Bharatiy Sangeet Sangthan Rs.75,000
6. Cuba Indo-Cuba friendship society Rs.50,000
- 7 Turkey Indology Deptt of Ankar University Rs.50,000
8. Rome 1. India-Italy Association Rs.1,25,000  
2. Indian Association of Rome Rs.1,25,000
9. Ukraine 1. The Poltava City Centre  
of Ukrainian-India Friendship Shanti Rs.50,000  
2. Indology Research Centre, Kyiv Rs.50,000  
3. The Ukraine-India Association, Kyiv Rs.50,000  
4. Club Saraswati /School  
of Indian dance Saraswati Club Rs.50,000  
5. Club Basant Rs.50,000  
6. Dance Group "Amrita" Rs.25,000
10. Netherlands Netherlands-India Association Rs.50,000
11. Malaysia Indo-Persian Musk India  
Sangeethalayam Rs.50,000
- Sl no. COUNTRY NAME OF SOCIETIES AMOUNT
12. Belarus 1. Belarus-India Friendship Society Rs.25,000  
2. The Belarus Roerich foundation Rs.25,000
13. Denmark 1. Indian music society Rs.50,000  
2. Indian cultural association Rs.50,000  
3. Asian Music society Rs.50,000
14. Panama 1. Sociedad de Panama Rs.50,000  
2. Association de la India Bharat bandu Rs.50,000
15. Egypt Egyptian Indian friendship association Rs.50,000
16. Seychelles 1. Sanskriti Rs.50,000  
2. ITEC Alumni Association of  
Seychelles Rs. 50,000  
3. Indo-Seychelles friendship  
association Rs.50,000  
4. Seychelles Tamil Cultural Centre  
Development centre Rs.50,000

17. Austria Austro-India Association Rs.1,25,000
18. Slovak Republic India Club and Slovak Indian Rs.1,00,000
19. Sofia Sofia & Bulgaria friendship society Rs.1,00,000
20. Singapore India Club, Singapore Rs.50,000
21. Mauritius Mauritius India friendship society Rs.50,000
22. Thailand Thai Bharat Cultural Lodge Rs.50,000
23. Romania Rominia Indian Cultural Association Rs.25,000
24. Switzerland 1.Indian association, Berne  
2. Indian association, Geneva  
3. Indian Association, Baden  
4. Indian association Zurich  
5. Indian association of the  
India, Basel Rs.4,20,000
25. Ghana 1.Hindu Monastery of Africa, Accra  
2. Indian Association of Accra  
3. Tulsi Trust, Accra, Rs.3,75,000
26. Zimbabwe Zimbabwe-India friendship association Rs.50,000
27. Uganda 1. Indian association, Rs.40,000  
2. Asian Association of Rwanda, Kigali Rs.25,000
28. Uzbekistan Indian Friendship society, Tashkent Rs.50,000
29. Peru Indo-Peruvian friendship cultural  
society, Lima. Rs.50,000

DETAILS OF GRANT IN AID TO INDO-FOREIGN FRIENDSHIP CULTURAL SOCIETIES DURING 2005-2006

- | S1 no. | COUNTRY   | NAME OF SOCIETIES  | AMOUNT                              |
|--------|-----------|--|-------------------------------------|
| 1.     | Mauritius | Mauritius-India Friendship Society   | Rs.50,000                           |
| 2.     | Vietnam   | Vietnam -India Friendship Association, Hanoi   | Rs.50,000                           |
| 3.     | Cambodia  | Indian Association Cambodia (AI-C)   | Rs.50,000                           |
| 4.     | Uganda    | 1.Indian Association, Uganda, Kampala<br>2.The Indian Association of Uganda,<br>3. Asian association of Rwanda, Kigali | Rs.40,000<br>Rs.30,000<br>Rs.25,000 |
| 5.     | Peru      | India-Peru friendship Association  | Rs.1,25,000                         |

6. Bogotã; Friendship of India foundation Rs.1,25,000
7. Mongolia Indo-Mongolia Friendship Society Rs.1,25,000
8. Bulgaria 1.Friendship of India Club Rs.50,000  
2.East-West ideological Foundation Rs.50,000
9. Egypt Egypt-India Friendship Association Rs.50,000
10. Venezuela Indian Association of Venezuela Rs.1,00,000
11. Madagascar Indo-Malagasy Friendship Society Rs.1,25,000
12. Chech Republic Friendship of India association Rs.1,00,000
13. Italy 1. Indian Association of Rome Rs. 50,000  
2. India-Italy association of  
Friendship & CooperationRs. 50,000
14. Jamaica 1. National Council for Indian Culture Rs.1,00,000  
2. Indian Cultural Society in Jamaica Rs.1,00,000
15. Myanmar 1. Lathia Sevashram, Thingangyun Rs.3,54,000  
2. Thiruvallur Kottam, Thaton (for 15 societies)  
3. All Myanmar Sri Gita Prachar Samiti  
4. Myanmar Andhra Hindu Religious Society  
5. Myanmar Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, Yangon  
6. Remakrishna Temple Trust, Yangon  
7. Mahatma Gandhi Prayer Hall, Zeyawaddy  
8. Sri Vermana Library  
9. All Myanmar Hindu Central Board  
10. Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Myanmar  
11. Aryan Art Centre, Arya Samaj, Zeyawaddy  
12. Tamil Free School, Dalla  
13. Bhartiya Sangeet Samalan, Kyauktage  
14. Mahatma Gandhi Prarthna Bhavan, Kyauktage  
15. Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust, Yangon

**ANNEXURE-II In respect of answer to PART (b) of Unstarred Question no.1214 regarding FUNDING OF CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS To be asked in the LOK SABHA by SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHURY, M.P. on 2nd March, 2006 Phalguna 11, 1927 (SAKA) Cultural Exchange Programmes (CEPs) with various Countries**

S.No. Country Date of Signing Validity Period

1. Algeria 10.10.2003 2004-2006
2. Armenia 22.05.2003 2003-2006
3. Bangladesh 06.08.2005 2005-2008
4. Brazil 02.02.2006 2006-2008
5. Croatia 27.04.2005 2005-2007
6. Cuba 05.09.2005 2005-2007
7. France 07.11.2003 2003-2006
8. Germany 25.10.2005 2006-2008

9. Greece 09.09.2003 2003-2006
10. Guyana 25.08.2003 2003-2006
11. Hungary 03.11.2003 2003-2006
12. Laos Jan' 1996 1996-1998  
continues till fresh  
CEP is signed
13. Mexico 20.10.2005 2005-2007
14. Mongolia 23.12.2005 2006-2008
15. Myanmar 25.10.2004 2004-2006
16. NorthKorea(DPRK)18.09.2003 2003-2006
17. Poland 15.03.2005 2005-2007
18. Senegal 30.09.2004 2004-2007
19. Singapore 19.10.2004 2004-2007
20. Syria 15.11.2003 2003-2006
21. Slovak Republic 13.12.2004 2004-2007
22. Spain 31.03.2005 2005-2007
23. Sri Lanka 22.01.2003 2003-2006
24. South Africa 16.10.2003 2004-2006
25. South Korea 15.12.2004 2004-2007
26. Uzbekistan 05.04.2005 2005-2007

Cultural Agreements with various Countries

S.No.	Name of the Country	Date of signing
1.	Afghanistan	04.01.1963
2.	Algeria	01.06.1976
3.	Argentina	28.05.1974
4.	Armenia	14.12.1995
5.	Australia	21.10.1971
6.	Bahrain	08.01.1975
7	Bangladesh	30.12.1972
8.	Belarus	14.05.1993
9.	Belgium	21.09.1973
10.	Belize	15.06.1994
11.	Benin	17.07.1986
12.	Bolivia	08.12.1997
13.	Bosnia & Herzegovina	20.09.2002 (Yugos)
14.	Botswana	14.05.1997
15.	Brazil	23.09.1969
16.	Bulgaria	02.02.1963
17.	Burkina-Faso	12.12.1983
18.	Cambodia	31.01.1996
19.	Chile	13.01.1993
20.	China	28.05.1988
21.	Columbia	22.05.1974
22.	Croatia	05.03.1999
23.	Cuba	21.07.1976
24.	Cyprus	24.10.1980
25.	Czech	11.10.1996
26.	Djibouti	31.01.1989
27.	Egypt	25.09.1958
28.	Estonia	15.10.1993
29.	Ethiopia	09.02.1983
30.	Finland	10.06.1983
31.	France	07.06.1966
32.	Germany	20.03.1969
33.	Ghana	12.10.1981
34.	Greece	22.06.1961
35.	Guyana	30.12.1974
36.	Hungary	03.03.1962
37.	Indonesia	29.12.1955
38.	Iran	10.12.1956
39.	Iraq	19.04.1973
40.	Israel	18.05.1993
41.	Italy	12.07.2004
42.	Iceland	19.10.2005
43.	Ireland	19.01.2006
44.	Jamaica	05.10.1992
45.	Japan	29.10.1956
46.	Jordan	15.02.1976
47.	Kazakhstan	22.02.1981
48.	Kenya	24.02.1981
49.	Kuwait	02.11.1970
50.	Kyrgyzstan	14.03.1992
51.	Laos	17.08.1994
52.	Latvia	01.09.1995
53.	Lebanon	07.04.1997
54.	Lesotho	05.10.1976
55.	Libya	24.08.1985

56. Lithuania 20.02.2001  
57. Luxemburg 10.09.1996  
58. Madagascar 17.06.1997  
59. Malaysia 03.03.1978  
60. Maldives 07.09.1983  
61. Malta 14.01.1992  
62. Mauritius 06.02.1976  
63. Mexico 23.07.1975  
64. Moldova 19.03.1993  
65. Mongolia 09.02.1978  
66. Morocco 12.01.1981  
67. Mozambique 09.02.1978  
68. Myanmar 25.01.2001  
69. Namibia 25.01.1991  
70. Netherlands 24.05.1985  
71. Nicaragua 09.09.1986  
72. Nigeria 14.09.1982  
73. North Korea (DPRK) 02.07.1976  
74. Norway 19.04.1961  
75. Oman 03.08.1991  
76. Pakistan 31.12.1988  
77. Panama 02.02.2001  
78. Peru 25.01.1987  
79. Poland 27.03.1957  
80. Portugal 07.04.1980  
81. Philippines 06.09.1969  
82. Qatar 04.06.1980  
83. Romania 03.04.1957  
84. Rwanda 04.07.1975  
85. Russia 28.01.1993  
86. Senegal 21.05.1974  
87. Serbia & Montenegro 20.09.2002 (Yugos)  
88. Seychelles 22.12.1987  
89. Singapore 05.02.1993  
90. Slovak 11.03.1996  
91. Slovenia 16.12.1996  
92. Somalia 02.04.1979  
93. South Africa 04.12.1996  
94. South Korea 12.08.1974  
95. Spain 16.09.1982  
96. Sri Lanka 29.11.1977  
97. Sudan 28.11.1974  
98. Suriname 22.09.1992  
99. Syria 13.11.1975  
100. Tanzania 17.01.1975  
101. Tajikistan 15.02.1993  
102. Thailand 29.04.1997  
103. Trinidad & Tobago 13.03.1987  
104. Tunisia 24.06.1969  
105. Turkey 29.05.1951  
106. Turkmenistan 20.04.1992  
107. United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) 03.01.1975  
108. Uganda 24.11.1981  
109. Ukraine 27.03.1992  
110. Uzbekistan 17.08.1991  
111. Venezuela 13.09.1984  
112. Vietnam 18.12.1976  
113. Yemen 22.07.1999  
114. Zaire 04.07.1978  
115. Zambia 26.01.1975  
116. Zimbabwe 22.05.1981  
117. Nepal 30.09.2004