

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:257  
ANSWERED ON:10.08.2006  
CULTURAL AGREEMENT WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES .  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) The number of foreign countries with which the Government has signed Cultural Agreements;
- (b) The number out of them with which the Government has developed Cultural Exchange Programmes;
- (c) The amount of grant-in-aid sanctioned to the friendship cultural societies for organizing Cultural Exchange Programmes during each of the last three years;
- (d) Whether the Government has received any proposals for organizing Cultural Exchange Programmes during the current year; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 257  
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(a)&(b) Government of the Republic of India has entered into Cultural Agreements with 118 countries. Cultural Exchange Programmes have been developed with 86 of them.

(c) No Grant-in-aid is sanctioned to the friendship cultural societies for organizing Cultural Exchange Programmes. However, these societies are given Grant-in-Aid for their cultural activities with the object of fostering closer friendship and cultural contacts between India and the foreign country concerned. During the last three years, following amounts of Grant-in-Aid had been sanctioned to the friendship cultural societies;

2003-04: Rs. 44.26 lakhs  
2004-05 : Rs. 24.14 lakhs  
2005-06 : Rs. 42.79 lakhs

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Details are given in the Annexure.

**ANNEXURE**

Reply to Part (e) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No.257 for 10.08.06.

1. Glimpses of India Week to be held in Seoul, Korea in October – November 2006. A Food Festival, Manipur dances, Seminar on Buddhism and Photographic Exhibition, Indian Puppet Exhibition, Handicraft and Handloom Exhibition and Film Festival have been planned for the India Week.

2. It is proposed to hold the 'Days of Polish Culture in India' in the 1st half of 2007. Sangeet Natak Academy has been appointed as the nodal agency for organizing he events.

3. The Days of Ukrainian Culture in India to be organized during 2006-2007. Details are being worked out in consultation with ICCR.