

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether there are any schemes to preserve and promote the heritage art forms in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government is considering to set up any Institute/Academy to preserve and promote the heritage art forms in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) : The mandate of the Ministry of Culture is to preserve and promote all forms of arts and culture. The activities are carried out through the attached, subordinate and autonomous institutions and also through various schemes of the Ministry. The following schemes operated by the Ministry have a direct bearing on the preservation of heritage art forms :

1. Preservation and Development of the Cultural Heritage of the Himalayas
2. Promotion and Dissemination of Tribal/Folk Art and Culture
3. Preservation and Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art
4. Scheme for Building Grant to Cultural Organisations
5. Financial Assistance to Professional Groups and Individuals for Specified Performing Art Project
6. Scholarships to Young Artists in different Cultural Fields
7. Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to outstanding Artists in the field of Performing, Literary and Plastic Arts.
8. Award of Senior/Junior Fellowships to outstanding Artists in New Areas related to Culture.
9. Financial Assistance to Persons distinguished in letters, arts and such other walks of life who may be in indigent circumstances and their dependents.
10. Research Support to Voluntary Organisations engaged in Cultural Activities

(c) & (d) : No such proposal is presently under the consideration of Ministry of Culture.