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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) The promotional programmes being taken up by the Ministry for the promotion of various folk and classical dances and art forms in the North East Region;
- (b) Whether a proposal for supporting a sattriya dance and training centre at Delhi is under consideration of the Ministry; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Sangeet Natak Akademi under its various scheme provides support to performing art traditions of North Eastern regions. These include:-

1. Financial Assistance to cultural institutions under Akademi's grant's scheme .
2. Project based grants to individuals for research oriented projects.
3. Financial assistance for publications.
4. Documentation of performing art of the region.
5. Festivals of young artists of Music, Dance and Theatre.
6. Theme based festivals, seminars and workshops of regional traditions,
7. Presentation of Performing arts of North East in other States through Inter State Cultural Exchange Programme.
8. Akademi Awards and Yuva Puraskar to artists of the region.
9. Assistance and support to Puppetry through grants and sponsorship etc.
10. Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal, is engaged in training and promotion of Manipuri dance and music traditions. Annual Festival of Sattriya dance is held in Guwahati.
11. A number of training programmes on Sattriya traditions are supported and Sattriya artists are sponsored in different parts of the country.
12. national Festival of North East traditions called OCTAVE has been held in 'Delhi in 2006 and in Hyderabad in 2007.

The North East Zone Cultural Centre (NEZCC), Dimapur also promotes the folk traditions of the North East under following schemes:-

- (1) National Cultural Exchange Programme (NCEP)
- (2) Guru Shishya Parampara.
- (3) Documentation of vanishing Arts Forms.
- (4) Young Talent Artists Scheme.
- (5) Theatre Rejuvenation.
- (6) Shilpgram activities.

The North East Zone Cultural Centre, Dimapur also participated actively in the OCTAVE Festival of 2006 and 2007.

& (c) : A proposal in this regard has been received in Sangeet Natak Akademi from Assam Association, Delhi . If the Training Centre for Sattriya Dance in Delhi is set up by the Assam Association, the Sangeet Natak Akademi will provide support u.