

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF REGIONAL CENTRES OF ICCR
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to open new regional centres of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in different parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to open regional centres of ICCR in Jammu & Kashmir and Bihar in order to remove the regional imbalances?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)(b)&(c) The Council has plans to open new regional centers in various parts of the country. These offices will become operational once the competent authority have approved additional posts needed to man these centers and necessary funds are placed at the disposal of the Council for this purpose.