

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:295
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PROMOTION OF CHHAU DANCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided any financial assistance to the Mayurbhanj Chhau Nritya Pratisthan and the Anusandhan Kendra of Orissa for promotion of Chhau dance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for each of the last three years;
- (c) whether Chhau dance has been performed abroad during the last three years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) & (d) Yes, Sir.

Details of Central Government support are given below:

Performance in 2009

- (i) Purulia Chhau Dance troupe of Ranchi (Jharkhand) (led by North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad), performed in Kuwait.
- (ii) Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA), New Delhi organized performance of Chhau Dance, in South Africa.

Performance in 2010

A 12-member Chhau group led by Shri Pranoy Singh (sponsored by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Delhi (ICCR), performed in China.

Performance in 2011

- i) A 10-member Mayur Bhanj Chhau Dance group "Dakshina Sahi Chhau Nritya Mandir", led by Shri Kartikeshwer Rana, Orissa (sponsored by ICCR), performed in Trinidad and Tobago.
- ii) ICCR sponsored a Chhau dance performance in the Composite group led by Ms. Ranjana Gauhar, which performed in South Korea.
- iii) Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi organized performance of Chhau Dance, in Kazakhstan.