

Title: Requested to set up a Central Government sponsored Folklore Academy and also to provide facilities to the universities in Kerala for folklore study and research.

SHRI A.P. ABDULLAKUTTY (CANNANORE): Sir, I would like to draw your attention towards an important subject, that is, constituting a Central Government sponsored Folklore Academy.

Sir, there are Academies in our country like Kendra Sahitya Academy, Lalithkala Academy and Music and Drama Academy. But nobody thought of constituting a Folklore Academy, which is a necessity in this era. Due to globalisation, different types of arts in rural areas, which focus our cultural heritage, is slowly facing a natural death, as there is no constructive work done from our side to bring it back to glory. Folk arts means which included tribal arts also. To preserve this form of arts, the Central Government should take urgent initiative to constitute a Folklore Academy.

Sir, Folklore is a branch of knowledge, which got scant public attention. When we make an inquiry into the roots of our cultural heritage, we reach to folklore. In Kerala, the State Government had constituted a Folklore Academy five years back. I do not know exactly how many other States have folklore academies like Kerala. Kerala Government has its own folklore cultural policy.

This led to my request for formation of a Folklore Academy for folklore studies and preservation by the Central Government. The activities of this Academy are to be extended. All facilities should be created in the universities of the State for folklore studies and research.

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