

- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):
 (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Institute of Archival Training was set up in National Archives of India (NAI) in 1976 and was renamed as School of Archival Studies in 1980. The School was established to meet the demand of trained custodians of archival and library wealth. The school conducts theory and practical classes to train Archivists, Record Managers, Preservationists and Microphotographists. The training programme is supplemented by seminars, workshops and extension lectures by eminent Archivists, Preservationists and Microphotographists from leading institutions and universities.

Establishment of National Sound Archive of India in Bengaluru

649. SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has received a proposal from Shri Vikram Sampath for the establishment of National Sound Archive of India in Bengaluru; and
- (b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):
 (a) No such proposal has been received.

- (b) Not applicable.

Promotion of national and regional culture

650. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented by Government for promoting national and regional culture of the country;
- (b) the details of assistance being given to various States including Andhra Pradesh for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the assistance to the States is proposed to be substantially increased; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH):
 (a) and (b) Ministry of Culture implements a number of Schemes for promotion of the national and regional culture of the country. The names of ongoing Schemes have been