

Organization of world-class cultural programmes

†2691. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether world-class cultural programmes have been organized in the country;

(b) if so, the dates and plans of such programmes and the countries participated in them;

(c) whether States are given financial support to organize local cultural programmes for cultural exchanges among the States;

(d) if so, the details of financial support provided to the States during the financial years 2013-14 and 2014-15; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excavation and publication of reports of archaeological sites

2692. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any funds during the last five years for excavation and publication of reports on the historically important archaeological sites in the country;

(b) if so, the year-wise and site-wise details of funds allocated, disbursed and spent on excavation and publication of manuals in last five years;

(c) whether Government has allowed any research organizations/universities from India and abroad for excavation and publication of reports on archaeological sites in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and present status of excavations and artifacts and archaeological evidences brought to light through these excavations?

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