

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The overall investment in the economy indicated by Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF) at constant (2011-12) prices is estimated at ₹ 31.92 lakh crore in 2014-15, which is 4.6% higher from GFCF of ₹ 30.50 lakh crore in 2013-14. The growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at constant (2011-12) prices, an indicator of economic growth, has improved to 7.3 % in 2014-15 compared to 6.9 % in 2013-14.

(b) Does not arise.

**Plans to spread teachings of Tamil Saint Thiruvalluvar**

1150. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering a plan to strengthen and spread the teachings of great Tamil Saint Thiruvalluvar in India, especially in Northern and Eastern Provinces and in East Asian countries with a sizeable Tamil population like Malaysia and Singapore where Hon'ble Prime Minister visited recently; and

(b) if so, the details of Ministry's vision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Enhancement of funds for classical music**

1151. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is need to enhance funding for classical music;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this direction so far; and

(c) the demands still pending with Government from artistes and by when the action will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Culture releases regular grants-in-aid to its autonomous organizations under plan and Non-plan head. Under various approved schemes of Ministry of Culture, funds are released to private organizations, NGOs,