

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1298  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE FESTIVAL STATUS TO BALI YATRA**

**1298. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of the State Government of Odisha to accord the status of 'National Maritime Heritage Festival' to Bali Yatra, the ancient festival of Cuttack, is pending with the Ministry; and
- (b) by when the Central Government would accord the status of the 'National Maritime Heritage Festival' to Bali Yatra considering its social-cultural importance?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH  
EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) No, Sir. No such proposal is pending with the Ministry.
- (b) Does not arise.