

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.227**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022

**SETTING UP OF ICCR CENTRES**

227. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **External Affairs** be pleased to state:

the steps being taken by Government to set up more cultural centres abroad to promote Indian Culture as according to International Media, there were 548 Confucius Institutes that are promoting Chinese language and culture at schools and universities throughout the world projecting China's soft power whereas in comparison, as per Indian Council for Cultural Relations data, there are only 38 Indian Cultural Centres abroad that are promoting Indian Culture?

**ANSWER**  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. MEENAKSHI LEKHI)

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been steadily increasing the number of cultural centers abroad in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs. ICCR is in the process of opening two new cultural centers in Paris and Washington. In addition, ICCR works through the Cultural Wings of the Indian Missions and Posts abroad, where there is no Indian Cultural Centre.

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