

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1342
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2022

**EXCLUSION OF THE TABLEAU OF TAMIL NADU IN THE REPUBLIC DAY
PARADE**

1342. SHRI P. WILSON:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons that Tamil Nadu had been deprived of the opportunity to participate in the Republic Day parade where there had been an exclusion of the tableau of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether Government had responded to the representations made by the Tamil Nadu Government with regards to the exclusion of Tamil Nadu's theme in the Republic Day parade; and
- (c) the criterion behind the selection of the tableaux of other States in the Republic Day parade?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): For Republic Day Parade, 2022 a total of 29 proposals were received from States/UTs including the proposal from State of Tamil Nadu. The tableaux from the State Government of Tamil Nadu was considered during the first three rounds of meetings of the Expert Committee constituted to evaluate these proposals. After the third round of meeting, the tableaux could not make it into the final list of 12 tableaux shortlisted for participation in the Republic Day Parade, 2022.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): There exists a well established system for selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic Day Parade. The tableaux proposals received from various States/UTs are evaluated in a series of meetings of the Expert Committee comprising eminent persons in the field of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography etc. These tableaux proposals are examined on the basis of the theme, concept, design and their visual impact. Due to time allotted for tableaux in the overall duration of the parade, shortlisting of tableaux is done by the Expert Committee.
