

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2268

ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

**INCLUSION OF DHANU YATRA IN UNESCO'S REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE**

2268. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has taken any steps towards the inclusion of Odisha's famed Dhanu Yatra in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken so far and the current status of the nomination process; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the non-inclusion and whether the Ministry plans to pursue its recognition in the future?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

(a) to (c) For inclusion of an ICH element in UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, the element needs to be included in the National Inventory. No such proposal is presently pending with the Ministry.
