

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 28
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

STRENGTHENING OF CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH FRANCE

28. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and France are having a very ancient and great culture, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether both the Governments propose to develop and strengthen the cultural relations tourism with people to people ties through University Education, Scientific and linguistic co-operation during the recent visit of the French Foreign Minister to Delhi;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the further steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE
AND
MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes Madam. France, just like India, has a rich cultural heritage.

(b)to (d) The Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic visited India in December 2018 and discussed bilateral mechanisms to promote educational linkages and tourism between the people of the two countries. Both sides noted that the signing of the Agreement for mutual recognition of degrees and Agreement on migration and mobility would facilitate student exchanges and tourism. The Indo-French Centre for Promotion of Advanced Research in Delhi has been recognized as a sterling symbol of bilateral Science and Technology cooperation.
