

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2019**

**RASHTRIYA RAMAYANA MELA**

† 5. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 'Rashtriya Ramayana Mela' is organized at the famous holy place Chitrakut Dhaam for so many years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of the cultural parties which have been sent by the Government there along with the dates on which they have been sent; and
- (d) the number of the parties being sent to the five days Rashtriya Ramayana Mela to be organized this year from Shivratri i.e. 04 March, 2019?

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) & (b) Yes Madam, Ramayana Mela is organized by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh at Chitrakut since 1973.
- (c) The number of cultural parties sent by the North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad, Ministry of Culture in the last 04 years are given as under:

Year	Name of the cultural parties	Date of participation
2015	Chau dance and Birha folk song	18 to 20 Feb, 2015
2016	Bhajan, Birha and Folk song	07 to 11 Mar, 2016
2017	Chau dance, Dheriya folk dance, Nirgun Gayan and Gotipua	21 to 25 Mar, 2017
2018	Kathak Balled, Bhajan/ folk song and Dheriya folk dance	13 to 16 Feb, 2018

- (d) In this year's Ramayana Mela two folk groups (i) Dheriya folk dance from Uttar Pradesh and, (ii) Chau folk dance from Jharkhand will be sent by North Central Zone Cultural Centre, Allahabad, Ministry of Culture.

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