

Centenary Cell

4092. SHRI VIRENDER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a centenary cell has been constituted to celebrate the centenary of national leaders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the leaders whose centenaries have been celebrated under the aegis of the said centenary cell and the expenditure incurred on the centenary celebrations of each of these leaders;

(d) the national leaders whose centenaries are proposed to be celebrated in near future including those of which the State Governments have been asked to celebrate;

(e) the details of the other activities of this cell; and

(f) the expenditure incurred on it so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b). No, Sir. However, the Centenary and Memorial Section in the Department of Culture is charged, inter-alia, with the responsibility of arrangements for the celebration of centenaries of national leaders.

(c) A list of centenaries celebrated by the Government is at Statement-I. Details of Expenditure incurred on the celebrations held during the last five years are at Statement-II.

(d) The following centenaries/

anniversaries are proposed to be celebrated in the near future:

(i) Golden Jubilee of Quit India Movement.

(ii) Birth Centenary of Mahapandit Rahul Sankrityayan.

(iii) Mahatma Gandhi.

(iv) Emperor Akbar.

In the case of the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of quit India Movement, the State Governments have also been asked to celebrate in a befitting manner.

(e) The other activities of this Section include financial assistance to voluntary organisations for research support/seminar, maintenance of memorials and administration of three autonomous organisations viz. Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, New Delhi, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, New Delhi, and Victoria Memorial Hall Calcutta.

(f) The Section is a part of the Department of Culture, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Funds are allotted Scheme/Activities wise and not for the Section as such.

STATEMENT-I

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*List of leaders whose centenaries have
been celebrated by the Government*

1. Rabindra Nath Tagore
2. Mirza Ghalib
3. Mahatam Gandhi

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| 4. Guru Nanak | 13. Kakasaheb Kalelkar |
| 5. Lenin | 14. Maithili Sharan Gupt |
| 6. Desh Bandhu Chittaranjan Das | 15. Pt. G.B. Pant |
| 7. Deen Bandhu C.F. Andrews | 16. Dr. S.K. Sinha |
| 8. Shri Aurobindo Ghosh | 17. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan |
| 9. Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel | 18. Dr. K. M. Munshi |
| 10. Subramania Bharati | 19. Adi Sankaracharya |
| 11. Nandalal Bose | 20. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad |
| 12. Dr. Rajendra Prasad | 21. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan |
| | 22. Jarnalal Bajaj |

STATEMENT-II

<i>Year</i>	<i>Personality</i>	<i>Expenditure Incurred (Rs)</i>
1987-88	Pt. G.B. Pant	13.28 lakhs
1987-88	Dr. Shrikrishan Singh	4.78 lakhs
	Dr. K.M. Munshi	1.10 lakh
1988-89	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad	4.27 lakhs
	Dr. S. Radha Krishnan	3.23 lakhs
	Rashtriya Sankara Jayanti Mahotsava	7.85 lakhs
	Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru	1164.45 lakhs
	*(Continued expenditure incurred on the commemoration of 40th anniversary of Independence and Pt. Nehru Birth Centenary Celebration)	
1989-90	Jamna Lal Bajaj	0.50 lakh (approx)
1990-92	Khan Abdul Ghaffar Kahn	5.40 lakhs (approx)