

Title : Regarding installation of a statue of Late Shrimati Sushila Nayyar in the premises of Maharani Lakshmi Bai Medical College, Jhansi-Laid.

**SHRI ANURAG SHARMA (JHANSI):** Sushila Nayyar was born on 26 December 1914 in Kunjah, a small town in the Gujarat District of Punjab (now in Pakistan). She obtained MBBS and MD degrees from Lady Hardinge Medical College. She came to Sevagram with her brother in 1939 and soon became a close associate of the Gandhi Family. Shortly after her arrival, cholera broke out in Wardha. She entered politics in 1952 and was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Delhi. From 1952 to 1955, served as the Health Minister in Shri Nehru's cabinet. From 1955 to 1956, she was the Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly. In 1957, she was elected to the Lok Sabha from Jhansi. She was again the Union Health Minister from 1962 to 1967. During the Congress rule, she parted ways with Smt. Indira Gandhi and joined the Janata Party. She was elected to the Lok Sabha from Jhansi in 1977, when her new party came to power. She then retired from politics to devote herself to the Gandhian ideal. She established the Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Medical Science in 1969. It was during her tenure that many schemes including Rani Laxmibai Medical College, Parichha Thermal Power Plant, BHEL, Bundelkhand University, Notghat Bridge were established in Jhansi. Therefore, I request State Government of Uttar Pradesh and Ministry of Health, keeping in view the dedication and service towards Jhansi, a life-size statue should be installed in Maharani Lakshmi Bai Medical College Jhansi premises as an inspiration in the memory of Late Sushila Nayyar. I therefore, humbly request the acceptance of my proposal to befittingly honor this lady of Jhansi who dedicated her life to the nation.