

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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AMOUNT SPENT ON PAYING HOMAGE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES  
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**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a): the amount spent on paying homage and organising various other programmes at places like Rajghat, Shantivan, Kishanghat, Vijayghat situated in Delhi during each of the last three years;
- (b): whether the Government propose to bring down such expenses;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): if not, the reasons therefor

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA )

(a): The amount spent on organizing the birth and death anniversary functions of the departed leaders at their samadhis, during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
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1997-98	44.70
1998-99	59.18
1999-2000	36.51

This excludes the expenses incurred on organizing the birth and death anniversary functions of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat by the Rajghat Samadhi Committee. This also excludes the expenses incurred by the security agencies for making the arrangement.

(b)to(d): It has been decided that henceforth the Government shall not organize the birth and death anniversary functions of departed leaders at their Samadhis. However, the birth and death anniversary functions of Mahatma Gandhi shall be organized by the Rajghat Samadhi Committee, as in the past.