

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CELEBRATION OF BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD MAHAVIR  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a sum of Rs. 100 crore was sanctioned by the Union Government for taking up various projects in connection with Jainism, conservation of Jain monuments and other related welfare projects during the 2600th Janma Kalyanak year of Bhagwan Mahavir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the names of projects taken up so far in this connection and the amount spent on each project;
- (d) whether the projects taken up and the amount spent / to be spent on each project were approved by the National Committee constituted by the Government for the purpose;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) An amount of Rs. 45.00 crores was provided by the Government of India during 2001-2002 to celebrate 2600th Janma Kalyanak of Bhagwan Mahavir for a period of one year beginning 6th April, 2001. The Government has provided an additional sum of Rs. 50.00 crores during the current financial year for celebrating the event.

(c) The projects taken up and amount spent on each so far are as follows:-

(i) Rs. 493 lakhs for developmental works at Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali in New Delhi.

(ii) Rs. 1788.92 lakhs for developmental works around Jain Teerthsthal at Shreyansgiri, Urvaha, Deedwana Oli, Bawangaja, Sonagiri and Gandharvapuri in Madhya Pradesh, Viratnagar, Kesariya, Amer, Zavar Mines, Achalgarh, Amarsagar, Sh. Mahaveerji, Lodruvapatan, Dilwada, and Ranakpur in Rajasthan, Bateshwar, Dudhai, Sironji, Vehlana, Hastinapur and Badagaon in Uttar Pradesh, Bhiloda, Umata and Kumbharia in Gujarat, Ludhiana in Punjab, Arasikeri in Karnataka and Vaishali and Pawapuri in Bihar.

(iii) Rs. 1097 lakhs for conservation of centrally protected Jain Monuments at 54 sites in Kolkata, Hyderabad, Patna, Vadodara, Bhopal, Jaipur, Chennai, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Bangalore, Dharwad, Thrissur and Lucknow Circles.

(iv) Rs. 28.00 lakhs for construction of Sculpture sheds at four different places in Cuttack and Puri, for construction of a mini Site Museum at Chaudwar and for construction of Jaina Heritage Museum at Pratapnagri, in District Cuttack.

(v) Rs. 50.00 lakhs for development of two earthquake ravaged villages in Bhuj District of Gujarat.

(vi) Rs. 1000.00 lakhs for animal and bird care with special emphasis on Gaushalas.

(vii) Rs. 3.00 lakhs for holding seminar on Jain & Prakrit Studies.

(d) to (f) The National Committee, constituted by the Government to celebrate 2600 years of Bhagwan Mahavira's Janma Kalyanak, in its meeting held on 9th December, 2000 had inter-alia, decided to put emphasis on creating permanent assets e.g. Mahavir Vanasthali Park in New Delhi, to complete the incomplete works in Vaishali & Pawapuri, to launch special projects for conservation of Jain Monuments and to constitute an Implementation Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister of Tourism and Culture. All projects taken up so far are in accordance with the decisions of the National Committee and the Implementation Committee.