

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:415  
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CONVERSION OF JINNAH'S HOUSE TO CULTURAL CENTRE  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the ICCR which took over the Jinnah's House in 1997 has decided to convert it into a cultural centre;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any specific project plan in this regard has been received by the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, total expenditure likely to be incurred on this project and the time fixed for its completion?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) & (b) Yes. The premises, since renamed as ICCR Mumbai Branch Office, will have facilities for cultural activities.

(c) & (d) While the specific project plan for the ICCR Mumbai Branch Office is being finalized, the proposal is to have a small auditorium, library and reading room, seminar rooms, art gallery and dining room for official banquets. The budget estimates and the time-frame for completion will be determined in accordance with the plan approved by the Government.