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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH ON GURU GRANTH SAHIB

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has cleared a project for setting up of a National Institute at Amritsar for research work on Guru Granth Sahib;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status of the project;
- (c) whether Sikh religion organisations have been involved in the project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)to(d) Yes, Sir. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has given its approval to support establishment of an autonomous institution as "National Institute of Studies in Shri Guru Granth Sahib", at the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar at an estimated cost of Rs.23.83 crores. The project was formulated by the University in consultation with eminent scholars on the subject. The proposal was approved by the UGC on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee consisting of eminent experts.