

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GANDHIJI'S BELONGINGS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some important items of Gandhiji have been missing from the Kasturba Gandhi Memorial situated in Rajkot, Gujarat, as reported in the media;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the action taken in this regard;
- (c) whether there is any list of preserved items in the memorials related to Gandhiji as well as in other memorials;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to prepare the list of all the preserved items relating to Gandhiji?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b) Kasturba Gandhi Memorial, Rajkot, is a private Trust and is not under the administrative control of the Ministry of Culture, which has not received any reference/ report regarding the missing items of Gandhiji.

(c) to (e) The belongings of eminent personalities are generally preserved in the Memorials/Museums devoted to the ideas of the great persons, often set up and managed mainly by Voluntary Organisations/Trusts etc. List of items in their possession is also maintained by them; at times these are also available with the family members. Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti (GSDS), an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, propagates the life, mission and thought of Mahatma Gandhi through various socio-educational and cultural programmes. A few personal effects of Gandhiji are also being preserved by GSDS.