

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3949  
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2010  
WORLD CLASS SOCIO-CULTURAL CENTRE  
Singh Shri N.Dharam

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Union Government is aware that the Government for Karnataka has recently established statutory authority viz. Basavakalyan Development Authority for propagating the lofty ideals of Shri Jagath Jyothi Basaveshwra, the social reformer of 12th Century, in Bidar district Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the financial and other assistance sought by the Karnataka Government to develop this place into world class socio-cultural centre ;  
and
- (d) the response of the Union Government thereto ?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b): Government of Karnataka have informed that they have set up Basavakalyan Development Board through an Act of the State Legislature in 2005 for preservation, development and maintenance of the heritage sites and monuments in and around Basavkalyan Town in Bidar District and to develop it into an international pilgrimage, cultural and tourist centre.
- (c) & (d) No proposal has been received from Government of Karnataka seeking financial and other assistance to develop this place into a world class socio-cultural centre.