

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GANDHI HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of Gandhi Heritage Site Mission;
- (b) the details of places that are associated with Mahatma Gandhi;
- (c) the extent to which these have been conserved/preserved ; and
- (d) the status of conservation /preservation of such sites in various States including in Orissa region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (V.NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Culture, Government of India constituted on 10th April, 2006 a Panel under the Chairmanship of Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the then Governor of West Bengal with a mandate to provide recommendations on the development of Gandhi Heritage Sites. The Panel has submitted its Report on 26-11-2008. One of the recommendations relates to establishment of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission to preserve Gandhi Heritage Sites. This is being examined. The number of sites listed in the Report is approximately 2000 covering various States. The publication of 'Gandhi Heritage Sites – A Comprehensive List' is being done through the Publications Division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Culture has released a sum of Rs. 21.55 lakhs on 18-10-2010 for the purpose.

After the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission is set up, it may take up detailed proposals for conservation and preservation of Sites in different States.