

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4641
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RELEASE OF GANDHI'S PORTAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to release Gandhi Portal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be released;
- (c) whether Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi Panel Report on Gandhi Heritage Sites had already been examined by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission is likely to be set up as per the recommendations of Gopalkrishna Gandhi Panel?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Culture, Government of India constituted on 10th April, 2006 a Panel under the chairmanship of Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, with a mandate to provide recommendations on the development of Gandhi Heritage Sites. The Panel had submitted its Report on 26th November, 2008. The recommendations relate to inter-alia, creation of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Portal, establishment of Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission etc.

The Ministry of Culture has released a Corpus fund of Rs. 4 Crore on 1st September, 2010 as first installment, against the Project Cost of Rs. 8 Crore to the Sabarmati Ashram Preservation and Memorial Trust, Ahmedabad for the establishment of Gandhi Heritage Sites Portal. The proposal regarding setting up of Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission is under consideration and it is difficult to indicate a time frame at this stage.