

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3233
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GANDHI MEMORIAL IN SINGAPORE
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Gandhi Memorial in Singapore has been restored recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to restore such memorials in other countries also?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) Yes.

(b) The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Building was recently renovated by the Hindi Society in Singapore at its cost. Restoration work started in 2009 and completed in 2010. The restored building now houses the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial, the Mahatma Gandhi Library, the office of the Hindi Society, a multi-purpose hall and several classrooms. The Indian High Commission in Singapore donated the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi and several other books for the Library.

(c) ICCR on behalf of Ministry of External Affairs has supplied statues and busts of Mahatma Gandhi to several countries in the world. Government extends support and assistance to restore memorial/ statues/busts of Mahatma Gandhi where required through the Indian High Commission/ Embassy.