

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GALLIARA PROJECT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any representation from the State of Punjab regarding grant of more funds for early completion of the Galliara project in Amritsar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (c) A request for financial assistance of Rs.80.25 crores for construction of 'Golden Temple Plaza' was received from Government of Punjab, and in this request, it was mentioned that an amount of Rs.72 crores had earlier been released by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2005 for completion of the Galliara Project. It was also mentioned that after the Galliara Project had been completed, a decision was taken by the State Government of Punjab to develop a Plaza in front of Golden Temple. Since the request of the State Government of Punjab was not covered under the Scheme of Financial Assistance for Development and Maintenance of National Memorials, the State Government was informed to approach the authority which had earlier provided the funds for the Galliara Project.