

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MEMORIAL TO DR. AMBEDKAR
Kashyap Shri Virender

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any proposal to develop the house where Dr. Ambedkar met his demise in New Delhi as a national memorial / monument in honour of his memory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enact a law to develop the said house into a memorial site like Rajghat Samadhi to highlight the contributions and ideals of Dr. Ambedkar; and;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) The Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi was dedicated to the nation by the then Hon'ble Prime Minister on 02.12.2003 and a photo gallery on the life and mission of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was set up and opened for public. In order to develop the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial, various steps have been taken by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, which are as under:

- (i) The Memorial was developed by setting up of photo galleries on the life and mission of Dr. Ambedkar. A small library and some other display panel on schemes / projects being implemented by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation have also been put up in the Memorial.
- (ii) People from various walks of life visit the Memorial which remains opens on all week days except Mondays.
- (iii) On every 14th April & 6th December, the birth anniversary Mahaparinirvan Diwas respectively, a few programmes are organized at Ambedkar National Memorial, which include patriotic songs, being in premises by visitors / families.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry of Culture, at this stage. Information is being collected from other concerned Ministries and agencies, and will be placed on the table of the House.