

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1068
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012
THEFT AT SEWAGRAM ASHRAM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some articles belonging to Mahatma Gandhi had gone missing from Sewagram Ashram in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, whether the Government had initiated an investigation into the matter;
- (c) if so, whether investigation team has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and
- (e) if not, the time by which it is likely to submit the said report?

Answer

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

- (a) A spectacle handed over to Sewagram Ashram by Mrs. Nirmala Behn Gandhi, daughter-in-law of Mahatma Gandhi in 1985 to keep it in the Ashram, has gone missing.
- (b),(c)&(d) The State Government of Maharashtra has initiated investigations through C.I.D. and the investigation is still continuing.
- (e) The time by which the report is likely to be submitted cannot be indicated. The matter is being pursued.