

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:69

ANSWERED ON:14.08.2012

GANDHI HERITAGE SITES MISSION

Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai; Tagore Shri Manicka

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission to preserve Mahatma Gandhi's legacy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the sites identified so far for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Government is taking steps to conserve Gandhi- related heritage material, documents and objects within the country as well as abroad including those possessed by the Kallenbach family in South Africa;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the progress made by the Government for establishment of the said Mission?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 69 FOR 14.08.2012.

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Culture had constituted a Gandhi Heritage Sites Panel under the Chairmanship of Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi, ex-Governor of West Bengal. The Panel was mandated to submit recommendations for the development of Gandhi Heritage Sites. The Gandhi Heritage Panel had identified 39 Core Sites and about 2000 other Sites which were associated with Mahatma Gandhi. The list of core sites identified as per the Report of the Panel is annexed.

(c) & (d) Government has taken action to conserve Gandhi related heritage material, documents and objects through various Museums, the National Archives of India, the Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library and other Gandhi related organizations. Archival material pertaining to Kallenbach has also been recently acquired by the National Archives of India in July, 2012.

- (e) The establishment of the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission is presently under consideration of the Government.