

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4386

ANSWERED ON:16.12.2009

MORARJI DESAI SAMADHI

Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan ;Naranbhai Shri Kachhadia

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has received a proposal from the State Government of Gujarat for acquiring land from Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad which is with the Central Public Work Department, Government of India for developing suitable memorial on the samadhi of late Shri Morarjibhai Desai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(c) the present status of the proposal alongwith the development works undertaken in the said memorial of late Morarji Desai ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING & PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c) A memorial of Shri Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister named `Abhay Ghat` has been constructed on the banks of river Sabarmati. The land for the memorial was given by the Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad without any cost. The construction work started in July, 1997 and was completed in March. 1999. The Memorial is being maintained by CPWD. As such, the question of acquiring the land on payment of its cost, does not arise at this stage. The Government of Gujarat has also been informed, accordingly.