

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:106

ANSWERED ON:13.08.2013

ESTABLISHMENT OF GANDHI HERITAGE SITES MISSION

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

- (a) whether there is any proposal to establish the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission to preserve Mahatma Gandhi's legacy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the funds sanctioned for the said Mission;
- (c) the details of the recommendations made by the Panel set up by the Government on the development of Gandhi Heritage Sites;
- (d) the progress made by the Government so far, for establishment of the said Mission; and
- (e) whether the Government has fixed any time frame for completion of work of the said Mission and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(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. 106 FOR 13.08.2013.

(a) & (b) Government of India set up the Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission on 29th July, 2013 with its headquarters at Delhi. The Mission has a budget outlay of ` 42.00 crore for a period of 5 years.

(c) Major recommendations of this Panel set up by the Government on the development of Gandhi Heritage Sites includes:

(i) setting up of Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission for a fixed term of five years with an objective to conserve and restore heritage sites associated with Mahatma Gandhi. In its report, the Panel identified 39 core sites and 2000 other places associated with the Father of the Nation

(ii) setting up of Gandhi Heritage Sites Fund and

(iii) setting up of Gandhi Heritage Sites Portal.

(d) Government of India has appointed the following as Chairperson and Members of the Mission:-

(i) Shri Sailesh Bandyopadhyay - Chairman

(ii) Prof. Tridip Suhrud - Member

(iii) Shri Kartikeya Sarabhai - Member

(iv) Shri Ranesh Ray - Member

(v) Prof. Sudarshan Iyengar - Member

(vi) Shri Anupam Mishra - Member

(vii) Prof. Shahid Amin - Member

(viii) Prof. Venu Madhav Govindu - Member

(e) The Mission has a tenure of 5 years.

