

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIRING /MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any initiative has been taken by the Government for repairing/maintenance of memorials constructed in the memory of martyrs of India's first freedom struggle of 1857;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any memorials have been built at the birth places of these freedom fighters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any programme/scheme etc. has been started by the Government in their names; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): To Commemorate a number of national events including 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence, 1857, Government of India constituted a National Committee under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister. A National Implementation Committee was also constituted for implementation of the programmes and activities in commemoration of these events. The National Implementation Committee has decided to identify a number of sites related to freedom movement for conservation and restoration in consultation with Archaeological Survey of India and Indian Council of Historical Research and also to establish Shaheed Memorial in Delhi.

(e) and (f): National Implementation Committee has approved the establishment of chairs in the names of freedom fighters by grant of corpus fund to the Universities concerned. The Government of India has also released corpus fund for Rs. 2.00 Crore each for establishment of four chairs.