

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4637  
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FUNDING FOR LAL BAHADUR SHASTRI MEMORIAL  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has ceased the grant to the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any decision to stop financing birth and death anniversary celebrations of all national leaders except Mahatma Gandhi; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b) In accordance with the scheme titled "Maintenance and Development of Memorials", a sum of Rs.10.00 lakh was sanctioned to the Lal Bahadur National Memorial Trust as one time grant during the 12th Plan period. Accordingly, Rs.6.75 lakh was released during the financial year 2013-14 and Rs.3.25 lakh during 2014-15.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. This Ministry is not in receipt of any such decision so far. During the year 2014, the Ministry inaugurated three new commemorations, viz. birth centenary of Begum Akhtar, centenary of Komagata Maru incident and 125th birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru.