

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4799

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GRANT TO NGOS TO CELEBRATE CENTENARIES ANNIVERSARIES

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

- (a) whether the Government provides grants to Voluntary Organisations (VOs)/ Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for organizing centenaries/ anniversaries of great reformers/ events;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated by the Government during each of the last three years and the current year, VO/ NGO-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified several great personalities/ reformers for celebration of their centenaries/ anniversaries from various States including Guru Ghasidas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Chhattisgarh?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Details of grants released to various organizations for organizing centenaries/ anniversaries of great reformers/ events during the last three years and the current year is annexed.
- (c) & (d) No, Madam. Generally the Government does not on its own identify great personalities/ reformers for celebrating their centenaries/ anniversaries. In most cases proposals recommending celebration of centenaries/ anniversaries received by the Government from citizens/ Societies/ Trusts/ State Governments, etc. are scrutinized and sent to Prime Minister's Office for consideration. Once PMO approves the proposal directing to commemorate, action is accordingly taken to celebrate the centenary/ anniversary of the personality/ event. No proposal has been received for commemoration of centenary, etc. of Guru Ghasidas.