

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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CELEBRATION ON BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SHRI TULSIDAS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to organize a programme on the birth centenary year of great saint Goswami Shri Tulsidas ji on the lines of celebrations of 150th Anniversary of Great Swam Vivekananda and Shri Guru Govind Singhji Prakash Utsav etc.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c) No, Madam. As per the information available in our record, Goswami Tulsidasji was born in the year 1497 A.D. (i.e. Vikram Samvat 1554). Therefore, his first birth centenary year was in 1597 and 600th birth centenary year will be 2097. Hence, at present his birth centenary etc. is not due for celebration.