

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3695  
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DEVELOPMENT OF MAHATMA GANDHI HERITAGE ASHRAM  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received detailed project report from the State Government of Gujarat/Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation seeking financial assistance for development and beautification of Mahatma Gandhi Heritage Ashram at Sabarmati in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop the said heritage site; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said grant is likely to be approved and released?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) to (d) The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of a State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments & Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to the Scheme guidelines.

The State Government of Gujarat had prioritized project "Development of Gandhi Circuit: Porbandar- MG Vidyalaya Rajkot-Sabarmati Ashram Ahmedabad" during the year 2010-11 for grant of CFA. Certain clarifications sought by the Ministry of Tourism in this regard were, however, not provided by the State Government.

No proposal for "Development and beautification of Mahatma Gandhi Heritage Ashram at Sabarmati" in Gujarat has been prioritized for grant of Central Financial Assistance during the current financial year.