

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:516
ANSWERED ON:13.08.2014
URBAN BEAUTIFICATION
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the mechanism/policy in place to promote city conservation, preservation and beautification of monumental buildings, statues and memorials dedicated to the National leaders in urban cities in the country including in the NCT of Delhi;
- (b) the details of the number of statues installed and memorials erected in the NCT of Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of these memorials and monuments during the above period; and
- (d) whether there is any proposal to install a statue of Mahatama Gandhi at India Gate in New Delhi and if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SH. M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 516 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.08.2014 REGARDING URBAN BEAUTIFICATION

- (a): Conservation work of protected monuments of National importance in the country, including NCT of Delhi is a continuous process and attended to as per National Conservation Policy of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The essential repair work and maintenance of these monuments is executed regularly depending upon the availability of resources and requirements of different sites.
- (b): The NCT of Delhi has reported that no new statues/memorials were installed/erected during the last three years and current year.
- (c): Maintenance and upkeep of memorials and monuments is a continuous process and expenditure is dependent on available budget with each client department. No such data is maintained centrally.
- (d): At present there is no such proposal under consideration.