

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Chatrapati Shivaji

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government organised programmes to celebrate the birth anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (Shivaji Jayanti) on 19th February, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;
- (c) the extent to which the objectives of observing the said day has been achieved;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations regarding celebration of Birth Anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as 'Rashtra Bhakti Prerna Divas' ; and
- (e) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam. The Government commemorates Birth Centenary/125th/ 150th/175th etc. birth anniversaries of great personalities and of important/memorable events related to the history of our country. Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was born on 19th February, 1630. His 400th Birth Anniversary will become due in the year 2030. As no commemoration in respect of Chatrapati Shivaji was due in the year 2017, no celebrations were held on 19th February, 2017.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. Representations regarding celebration of Birth Anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as 'Rashtra Bhakti Prerna Divas' have been received in the Ministry. These were examined and the proposal contained in the representation was not agreed to.