

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2942
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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the birth and death anniversaries of ex-Prime Ministers are celebrated by spending from the exchequer;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated and spent on death and birth anniversaries of ex-Prime Ministers during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether birth and death anniversaries of some of the ex-PMs are not celebrated by the Ministry; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SH. BABUL SUPRIYO)

(a) to (d): The celebration of birth and death anniversaries of ex-Prime Ministers from Government exchequer have been stopped in view of Union Cabinet decision dated 18.10.2014. Earlier, these functions were being celebrated by spending from the exchequer. The birth and death anniversary functions were being celebrated from Government exchequer for Late PanditJawaharLal Nehru, Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, Late Sh. Rajiv Gandhi, Late Ch. Charan Singh & Late Sh. Lal Bahadur Shastri. No separate funds were being allotted for celebration of birth and death anniversaries of ex-Prime Ministers. However, the expenditure was being met out from the budget allotted for maintenance of Samadhies. The year wise expenditure incurred on birth and death anniversary function of departed leaders are given below:

S.No.	Year	Amount Spent
1.	2011-12	Rs. 1.18 crores
2.	2012-13	Rs. 1.39 crores
3.	2013-14	Rs. 1.15 crores

The birth and death anniversaries except five Prime Ministers, as mentioned above were not celebrated by the Ministry. However, in view of Union Cabinet decision dated 18.10.2014 no function of departed leaders will be celebrated by Government except that of the Father of the Nation.