

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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SARDAR PATEL S STATUE OF UNITY
Patel Smt. Jayshreeben

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance for construction of Sardar Patel's "Statue of Unity" and a national memorial proposed to be built at the Sadhu-Bet Island near Sardar Sarovar Dam in Narmada District of Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated funds likely to be provided for the purpose; and
- (c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): A sum of Rs. 200 crore has been set aside in the Budget 2014-15 for construction of Sardar Patel's Statue of Unity in the Narmada district of Gujarat consequent to request received from the State Government of Gujarat in this behalf. The State Government has planned to complete the project within 42 months from the date of work order.

A request from the State Government of Gujarat has been received for considering building of Sardar Patel's Statue of Unity near the Narmada Dam at Kevadia in the Narmada district of Gujarat as a National Project and to provide financial assistance for this project. The State Government has worked out project cost exclusive of O&M as Rs.2500 crore and has planned to complete the project within 42 months from the date of work order. The matter is under examination in the Ministry of Culture.