

Title: Need to provide special budgetary support to Ramakrishna Mission for development of Swami Vivekananda Memorial and Cultural Centre at Kolkata. - Laid

SHRI SUDIP BANDYOPADHYAY (CALCUTTA NORTH WEST): Ramakrishna Mission acquired the Ancestral House of Swami Vivekananda in Simla Street, Kolkata and has taken up the project for total development of the above house. It is going to be named as "Swami Vivekananda Memorial and Cultural Centre".

Four new buildings have been constructed for the Memorial and Cultural Centre, viz.

1. One text book library with a seminar hall for the poor students.
2. One research centre cum research library building
3. One reception cum guide service block
4. Building for other social and philanthropic activities.

This is a project of Rs. 20 crores out of which 70% of the job has been completed. Most of the above amount have been received by Government of West Bengal from Human Resource Development Department of Government of India and donation from the common people. Hon'ble Shri L.K. Advani Ji, Deputy Prime Minister of India visited the place on 6th of July, 2003.

Ramakrishna Mission has made an appeal to make arrangements for grant of the balance of expenditure of Rs. 6.50 crores by which this project can be completed by 2004. I request the Government to kindly allocate the amount as a special Budgetary support to the great institution of Ramakrishna Mission.