

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 16
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

CURRENT STATUS OF SABARMATI ASHRAM RENOVATION PROJECT

16. SHRI SANDOSH KUMAR P:

Will the MINISTER of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the Sabarmati Ashram Renovation Project which was announced last year;
- (b) whether the renovation project involves the demolition of any of the existing building in the Ashram premises;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the current status of the rehabilitation of the people living in the Ashram premises; and
- (e) the expected cost of the project?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH-EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) As per the information received from State Government of Gujarat, the works for Sabarmati Ashram Renovation Project (Gandhi Ashram Precinct & Memorial Development Project) have been initiated on multiple fronts that include:
 - (i) Relocation & rehabilitation of ashram tenants.
 - (ii) Development of Town Project Scheme & infrastructure works inside the 322 acre precinct.
 - (iii) Conservation of heritage buildings inside the 55 acre memorial campus.
- (b) The current Gandhi Ashram Premises is of 5 Acres and shall be preserved in its present condition. Moreover the original buildings built during Gandhiji's time at the Ashram that lie outside the 5 Acre current Gandhi Ashram will be conserved and shall be a part of 55 Acre Proposed Memorial Campus.
- (c) Buildings that are incongruous with the Proposed Memorial and lie outside the current 5 Acre Ashram premises and which were built after Gandhiji's time at the Ashram shall be demolished to restore and expand at Ashram.
- (d) For rehabilitation, people living in the Ashram Premises have been offered following 04 Rehabilitation Schemes:
 - (i) One Time Monetary Compensation or
 - (ii) 4 BHK Flat in Government Housing Scheme or
 - (iii) Tenement in Satellite Campus or
 - (iv) Plot in Co-Operative Housing Society as on 15th January 2023, 280 of 301 families living in Ashram Premises have been rehabilitated.
- (e) The Expected Cost for the Project as per the approved Detailed Project Report is INR 1,246.00 Crores.