

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON 09.02.2023

ORGANISATION OF FUNCTIONS RELATED TO LORD GAUTAM BUDDHA

813 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS
CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- whether celebrations are organized by Government on the days related to the Janm Gyaan and Mahaparinirvana of Lord Gautam Buddha;
- if so, the details of functions organized on these days across the country during the last five years;
- whether the work of disseminating the teachings of Lord Buddha to the people is done through these functions, if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the participation of other countries of the world in these functions is ensured?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- Yes, Sir.
- Details of functions organized by Government on the days related to the Janm Gyaan and Mahaparinirvana of Lord Gautam Buddha during the last five years are given as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Event	Date of the Events	Venue of the Events
i.	2018	Buddha Jayanti Celebrations.	30 th April, 2018	Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi
ii.	2019	Buddha Jayanti Celebrations	18 th May, 2019	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
iii.	2020	Virtual Vesak Buddha Purnima.	7 th May, 2020	Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
iv.	2021	Virtual Vesak Buddha Purnima	26 th May, 2021	Virtual Programme
		Abhidhamma Divas and Exposition of Buddha Relic	20 th October, 2021	Kushingar, Uttar Pradesh
v.	2022	(a) Vaishakha Buddha Purnima Divas.	16 th May, 2022	Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
		(b) Foundation stone laying ceremony by Hon'ble Prime Minister for constructing India International Centre for Buddhist Culture & Heritage, Lumbini, Nepal.	16 th May, 2022	Lumbini, Nepal

(c) Yes, Sir. The events are attended by a large number of monastics and lay persons from India and abroad. The events are also telecasted live through digital platform for wider dissemination.

(d) Yes, Sir. The participation of monastics from other countries of the world is ensured through the respective Embassies located in various countries.
