

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1143
ANSWERED ON- 01/08/2024

GANGA SAGAR MELA

1143. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the uniqueness of the annual Ganga Sagar Mela;
- (b) whether Government proposes to accord National Fair status to Ganga Sagar Mela, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether, considering its magnitude and cultural significance, Government proposes to earmark funds for Ganga Sagar Mela, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) Yes sir. Ganga Sagar Mela is a religious festival of India celebrated on Sagardwip (Sagar Island) in the State of West Bengal. On the occasion of Makar Sankranti, lakhs of devotees reach here and take holy bath in Sagar Sangam while wishing for salvation.

(b) & (c) The issue of declaring a Festival as a National Fair does not come under the mandate of Ministry of Culture.
