

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1622
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

**GLOBAL COMMEMORATION OF THE 650TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF SHRI
GURU RAVIDAS**

1622. **SHRI SANT BALBIR SINGH**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any plans to commemorate the 650th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Ravidas in 2027 on a national and international scale;
- (b) if so, the specific details of the proposed initiatives, including cultural programmes, memorial events, academic conferences and exhibitions;
- (c) whether Government allocates a dedicated budget for these celebrations and if so, the estimated financial outlay and distribution of funds across various activities; and
- (d) whether Government has planned initiatives to ensure widespread recognition of Shri Guru Ravidas' contributions, including issuing commemorative stamps, coins or official memorabilia to mark this historic occasion?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) No Sir. At present there is no such proposal.
- (b) Not applicable
- (c) Yes Sir. For approved commemorations Ministry of Culture provides necessary financial assistance for various activities from the budget under "Centenary & Anniversary Scheme".
- (d) Once a commemoration is approved by Government, Ministry of Culture takes various initiatives nationwide to celebrate the commemoration including issuing commemorative stamps and coins to mark the occasion.

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