

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2936  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.3.2017**

**Celebration of Birth Anniversary of Chatrapathi Shivaji**

**2936. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:**

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government organised programmes to celebrate the birth anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (Shivaji Jayanti) on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;
- (c) the extent to which the objectives of observing the said day has been achieved;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations regarding celebration of Birth Anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as 'Rashtra Bhakti Prerna Divas' ; and
- (e) the response of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM  
DR. MAHESH SHARMA**

- (a) No, Madam. The Government commemorates Birth Centenary/125<sup>th</sup>/150<sup>th</sup>/175<sup>th</sup> etc. birth anniversaries of great personalities and of important/memorable events related to the history of our country. Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was born on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1630. His 400<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary will become due in the year 2030. As no commemoration in respect of Chatrapati Shivaji was due in the year 2017, no celebrations were held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- (b) & (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.
- (d) & (e) Yes, Madam. Representations regarding celebration of Birth Anniversary of Shri Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as 'Rashtra Bhakti Prerna Divas' have been received in the Ministry. These were examined and the proposal contained in the representation was not agreed to.