

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2328
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st JULY, 2017**

CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY OF CHAMPARAN SATYAGRAH

2328. SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to commemorate the centenary anniversary of Champaran Satyagrah;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including constituting National Implementation Committee, proposed programmes/projects and funds sanctioned for them;
- (c) whether any proposals have been received from the Bihar Government for financial assistance for projects including Gandhi Circuit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan for infrastructure development of prominent places related to Champaran Satyagrah; and
- (f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government has decided to commemorate centenary of Champaran Satyagraha during April 2017 to April 2018. A National Implementation Committee (NIC) has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister. Inaugural function for the commemoration was organised in Delhi on 10th April, 2017.

(c) to (f): Development of Gandhi Circuit in Bihar is one of the projects identified for development under the Special Package for Bihar announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2015. A project for "Development of Gandhi Circuit: Bhitiharwa-Chandrahia-Turkaulia under Rural Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme" has been sanctioned in Bihar with Central Financial Assistance of Rs. 4465.02 lakh. A sum of Rs. 893.00 lakh, as first instalment, has been released by Ministry of Tourism.
