

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5704
FOR ANSWER ON 2nd April, 2018**

GREAT LEADERS GALLERY

5704. Shri Sisir Kumar Adhikari:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to introduce the Great Leader's Gallery in the Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata;
- (a) if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the process being followed/proposed to be followed for selection of the personalities to be displayed in the said Gallery?

ANSWER

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(a), (b) and (c): There is no plan to introduce the 'Great Leader's Gallery' in Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata. However, there is a gallery named 'National Leaders' Gallery' in Victoria Memorial Hall, Kolkata, with oil painting portraits of leaders of Indian nationalism, viz. (1) Sir Womesh Chandra Banerjee (2) Sir Surendra Nath Banerjee (3) Sir Dadabhai Naoroji (4) Mahatma Gandhi (5) Gopal Krishna Gokhale (6) Pandit Motilal Nehru (7) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (8) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (9) Pandit Sivanath Shastri (10) Dr. Rashbehari Ghosh (11) Khudiram Bose (12) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru (13) Rabindranath Tagore (14) Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan (15) Pandit Madan Mohon Malavya (16) Bidhan Chandra Roy (17) Dr. Rajendra Prasad (18) Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (19) Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das (20) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (21) Bipin Chandra Pal (22) Chakrabarty Rajagopalachari, and (23) Swami Vivekananda.

The National Leaders' Gallery was set up in the 1960s and includes stalwarts of the Indian nationalist movement.