

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4151
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22 MARCH 2021

MEMORIALS OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS

4151. SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is erecting memorials in honour of freedom fighters across the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the freedom fighter, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of pending proposals with the Government for erecting memorials to freedom fighters?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India erect memorials in honour of freedom fighters across the country. The work of the memorial are executed through an authorised agency after the same is approved/ sanctioned by the concerned Ministry/ Authority. Presently, no proposal for erecting memorials to freedom fighters is pending with Government of India. In Culture Ministry, there is no such specific plan or scheme of erecting memorials in the honour of freedom fighters. However, during commemoration of important personalities and freedom fighters like Lala Lajpat Rai, Jaiprakash Narayan and Rani Gaidinliu, Ministry has sanctioned the fund which was used for various activities. Project at cost of Rs. 7 crores was sanctioned for construction of Rani Gaidinliu Cultural Centre in Nagaland in honour of Rani Gaidinliu, freedom fighter during her centenary commemoration celebrated in 2015-16. Similarly Funds of Rs. 5 Crore was sanctioned to Govt. of Punjab to construct Auditorium in honour of Lala Lajpat Rai during his 150th birth anniversary in 2015-16. Also, total amount of Rs. 4.40 crore was sanctioned for Jaiprakash Narayan Memorial at his birthplace Lala ki Tola, district Saran, Bihar.