

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOKSABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.977**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

**NATIONAL BOARD FOR PRESERVATION OF JAIN CULTURE**

**977. SHRI IMRAN MASOOD**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the event or programme the Government is likely to organise on the 2550<sup>th</sup> Nirvana Mahotsav of Lord Mahavira;
- (b) the details of the Government's plans to preserve the religious and cultural heritage of the minority Jain community;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute a National Board for Preservation of Jain culture and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to appoint a member from all minority communities on rotation basis for the post of Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities and if so, the time by which it is likely to be done and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a to d) The Ministry of Culture has commemorated the 2550<sup>th</sup> Bhagwan Mahaveer Nirvan Mahotsav from November 13, 2023 to November 13, 2024 to honor the life and teachings of Bhagwan Mahaveer, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism. The celebrations were inaugurated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on Mahaveer Jayanti, April 21, 2024. To mark the occasion, Prime Minister released a commemorative stamp and coin in honor of Bhagwan Mahaveer's 2550<sup>th</sup> Nirvan Mahotsav. During the inaugural event, Prime Minister paid tribute to the revered Bhagwan Mahaveer by offering rice and flower petals at his statue, signifying respect and reverence for his profound spiritual contributions.

The ceremony also featured a captivating dance drama titled "*Vartaman Mein Vardhaman*," performed by schoolchildren, which beautifully depicted the essence of Bhagwan Mahaveer's life and teachings, illustrating his message of non-violence, compassion, and truth. The commemoration continued throughout the year, with various events organized to highlight Bhagwan Mahaveer's teachings on non-violence, truth, and social justice. These activities aimed to engage people, especially the younger generation, in reflecting on the relevance of Mahaveer's values in today's world, inspiring them to live by the principles of peace, compassion, and righteousness.

The proposal to constitute a National Board for Preservation of Jain culture and the proposal to appoint a member from all minority communities on rotation basis for the post of Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities are not under consideration of Government.

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