

- (ii) Setting up of NML Model Libraries,
- (iii) Quantitative and Qualitative Survey,
- (iv) Capacity Building for Library Professionals.

(iv) **Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission:**

In April, 2006, Government of India, constituted a Gandhi Heritage Sites (GHS) Panel headed by Shri Gopalkrishna Gandhi and, with eminent Gandhians. Based on the recommendation of the Panel the “Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission” with a fixed term of 5 years was created in 2013. The Mission’s mandate is to preserve for posterity the identified sites and to supervise, guide and assist in conservation initiatives, maintenance or preservation initiatives and the creation of a database of tangible, literary and visual heritage associated with Gandhi.

The Mission Secretariat is headed by a Joint Secretary to Government of India who is *ex-officio* Secretary to the Mission. The Mission is headquarter at New Delhi and in order to strengthen links with State Governments and to coordinate the implementation of the Mission’s projects, the Zonal Cultural Centers (North, South, East, West and Central Zone) under the Ministry of Culture, are associated with the Mission. The Mission has started functioning from December, 2013 onwards.

Review of laws to protect culture and tradition

675. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to amend/review laws to protect culture and tradition not being protected by courts of law;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. The Government has no proposal to amend/review Laws to protect culture and tradition not being protected by courts of Law.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Concession and exemption given to PSUs

676. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that in spite of excise duty, customs duty and several other concessions and exemptions, certain PSUs are making losses, if so, the details thereof; and