

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Talks between India and Pakistan on "Promotion of Friendly Exchanges in Various Fields" were held in New Delhi on August 3-4, 2004 within the framework of the Composite Dialogue. The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Culture) and the Pakistan delegation led by Mr. Jalil Abbas, Secretary, Ministry of Minorities, Tourism, Culture and Youth Affairs.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir Views were exchanged on liberalizing the visa regime and expanding the scope of the 1974 bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines by increasing the number of pilgrims and shrines on both sides.

(e) Both sides made wide ranging proposals for promoting friendly exchanges and cooperation in the fields of art, culture, archaeology, education, science and technology, youth affairs and sports, media and tourism

Celebration of birth of Khalsa

1975. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the grant sanctioned by Government for celebration of 300th year of the birth of Khalsa in 1999,

(b) the details of the schemes under which this money was spent;

(c) the money lying unutilised out of Rs. 100 crore; and

(d) the scheme under which this unspent money is to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (d) For commemoration of 300th year of birth of Khalsa, the Government had made a total allocation of Rs. 77.95 crore till financial year 2003-04. Out of this, an amount of Rs 65.58 crore was released to State Governments, Universities and Non-Governmental Organisations for creation of permanent assets and for undertaking various programmes. A list of major projects on which funds were spent is given in the Statement.

Statement***List of major projects on which funds were spent***

Sl. No.	Authority to whom funds were released	Purpose of the grant	Amount released
1	Govt. of Punjab	For organizing various activities, development of infrastructure and Khalsa heritage complex in Anandpur Sahib.	Rs. 50,00,00,000/-
2	Chief Secretary Haryana	For construction of Martial Art Museum at Kapalmochan, Yamunanagar and badh Khalsa Memorial.	Rs. 3, 72,00,000/-
3	Municipal Commissioner, Nanded	Guru Govind Singh Museum, Nanded, Maharashtra	Rs. 1,25,00,000/-
4	Deputy Commissioner, Bidar, Kamataka	Punj-Piara Memorial, Bidar, Kamataka.	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-
5	District Magistrate, Meerut.	Punj-piara Memorial, Hastinapur (U.P)	Rs. 78,50,000/-
6	Chief Secretary Gujarat	Punj-Piara Memorial, Beyt, Dwarka (Gujarat)	Rs. 30,00,000/-
7	District Magistrate, Allahabad.	Hospital at Allahabad.	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-
8	Chief Secretary, Maharashtra	Guru Gobind Singh Chair in Mumbai University.	Rs. 50,00,000/-
9	National Council of Science Museum, Kolkata.	Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama at Amritsar.	Rs. 5,00,00,000/-

Establishment of Institutions in NER

1976. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Central institutions (educational professional and industries establishments) of the regional standard established in each of the North Eastern States;