

(₹ in lakh)

Year	Fund allocation	Expenditure incurred
2015-16	1352.04	788.76
2016-17	1128.45	1128.98
2017-18	1496.17	859.45

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

Details of last three years are as under:

Year	Visitors	Amount (₹)
2015-16	33,02,053	5,71,90,910
2016-17	35,05,545	6,19,46,880
2017-18	36,26,149	6,65,72,740

This increase in footfall is due to implementation of a multimedia campaign by the Government through its web portal, major newspapers and organising important cultural events throughout the year.

#### **Institution for promoting Gandhian philosophy and ideals**

819. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action plan has been drawn by Government for 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration of Mahatma Gandhi, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what concrete measures are proposed to be taken to create permanent institutions in the country to propagate and promote Gandhian philosophy and ideals; and

(c) whether Government has any plan to establish any exclusive interactive museum of international standards on several facets of the life of Mahatma Gandhi in the country, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has decided to commemorate 150th birth

anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi for a period of two years from 2.10.2018 to 2.10.2020 at national as well as international level. A National Committee (NC) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble President of India and an Executive Committee (EC) under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister have been constituted to consider policies and decide programmes/activities under the commemoration. Pursuant to discussions held in the meeting of NC on 2.5.2018 and EC on 18.7.2018, a large number of activities have been decided for implementation by different Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments.

(b) There are a large number of institutions in the country which are solely engaged towards promotion and propagation of Gandhian values and ideals. No proposal to create any new such institution on Mahatma Gandhi is under consideration of the Government at present.

(c) A number of digital interactive museums on Mahatma Gandhi have been established in the country at various places. To keep pace with the change in technology, Government takes measures to upgrade them from time to time.

#### **Revenue from monuments under ASI**

820. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of monuments that fall under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);

(b) the number of monuments that charge a ticket for entry;

(c) total revenue generated through entry fee for monuments in the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(d) total amount spent by ASI for maintenance and upkeep of these monuments in the last three years, the details thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) There are 3691 monuments/sites declared as of National importance falls under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India.

(b) 116 monuments are ticketed monuments.