

(b) by when these projects will start; and

(c) the details of scheduled cultural programmes planned throughout the year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) National Implementation Committee (NIC) headed by Hon'ble Home Minister has approved the following:—

(i) To renovate, upgrade and provide basic amenities at the memorial.

(ii) Museum curation and museum interiors.

(iii) To develop Light and Sound show/projection mapping. Work has started from 1st June, 2019.

(c) Cultural programmes planned for the commemoration period are kavi sammelan, plays, exhibitions and seminars across the country.

#### **550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji**

1754. SHRI SHWAIT MALIK: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development projects have been sanctioned to mark the 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev ji;

(b) by when these projects will start; and

(c) the details of scheduled celebration programmes planned throughout the whole year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 22.11.2018 has approved the following:—

(i) Development of Kartarpur corridor from Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur district, Punjab to the international border. Foundation stone for the project was laid by Hon'ble Vice President on 26.11.2018.

(ii) Development of historic town of Sultanpur Lodhi as a heritage town on the Smart City principles.

(iii) Upgradation of Sultanpur Lodhi railway station with all the modern amenities.

(iv) Setting up of a Centre for Inter Faith Studies at Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar. Inaugural function for the commemoration was held on 23.11.2018 at Sultanpur Lodhi, Punjab.

- (c) Celebration programmes planned throughout the whole year are as under:—
- (i) Release of commemorative coin and postage stamp.
  - (ii) To set up Chairs on Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji in one University each in UK and Canada.
  - (iii) States/UTs to celebrate 550th birth anniversary of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji in a befitting manner. Religious activities like kirtan, katha, prabhat pheri, langar etc. to be organised throughout the country, especially at Gurdwaras and places associated with Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.
  - (iv) Doordarshan to arrange live telecast of programmes on Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji and the Gurbani.
  - (v) National Book Trust to publish Gurbani in different Indian Languages. UNESCO to translate and publish anthology of Shri Guru Nanak Devji's writings in world languages.
  - (vi) Indian Missions overseas to organise special events to commemorate the 550th anniversary of the birth of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji.

#### **Organisation of annual programmes**

†1755. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual programmes organised by the Ministry, State-wise on the saints, eminent personalities, legendary figures, inspirational people partaking in freedom movement, revolutionaries, important persons and the measures adopted to include anecdotes pertaining to post independence era for acknowledging their contribution towards culture: and

(b) the details of the proposals sent by Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of the buildings of cultural centres of Bhopal, Vidhisha and Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh and the status of clearance provided and construction carried out, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) Government of India commemorates birth centenary and special birth anniversaries of eminent Indian personalities and events of historical importance. Decision to commemorate a personality/event is taken by a National Implementation Committee headed by Hon'ble Home Minister. Two types of activities (i) creation of infrastructure in the name of the personality/event and (ii) programmes

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.