

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to make programmes/plans to celebrate 150 years of historic independence struggle;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of programmes from various states particularly from N.E. Region in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a),(b)&(c) : Yes, Sir. The Government of India has decided to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of First War of Independence, 1857. A National Implementation Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Human Resource Development. The inaugural function is planned for 11th May 2007. In addition, a number of projects including establishment of National Freedom Museum at Red Fort, a mobile exhibition on train, renovation/restoration of a number of Monuments connected with First War of Independence, etc. are proposed to be taken up during the commemorative period. The State Governments including those in the North East region have also been advised to constitute state-level committees for chalking out commemorative programmes and organize at least one function in every state capital.