



# Status of places pertaining to Dr. Ambedkar

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The land and the buildings of the Parinirvan Sthal of Baba Saheb Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar located at 26, Alipur Road, Delhi were taken over by the Government on 14.10.2003. As per the Deed of Exchange signed between the Government of India and M/s Jindal Aluminium Ltd and M/s Jindal Pipes Ltd on 14.10.2003, the Government transferred the rights of the property situated at 21/31, Mall Road, New Delhi to M/s Jindal Aluminium Ltd and M/s Jindal Pipes Ltd in exchange for getting the ownership of the property situated at 26, Alipur Road, New Delhi. Further, the Government of India has paid an amount of Rs.2,09,43,200/- (Rupees Two crores nine lakhs forty three thousand and two hundred only) on 14.10.2003 to M/s Jindal Aluminium Ltd and M/s Jindal Pipes Ltd as difference, to equalize the value of the two properties exchanged. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has also paid an amount of Rs.1,60,35,360/- (Rupees one crore sixty lakh thirty five thousand three hundred and sixty only) to the Land and Development Office towards cost of the said land vide cheque dated 25.7.2013. The place was dedicated to the nation as Parinirvan Sthal and Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial and Museum (hereinafter "Memorial") by the then Prime Minister of India on 2.12.2003. The engraved edict therein is in the custody of CPWD, to whom it was handed over by Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF).

Four Government bungalows located at 14 Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, 16 Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, 17 Janpath and 19 Janpath were demolished for construction of Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC). The foundation stone of Dr. Ambedkar National Library was laid on 26.2.2004 by Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, the then Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment. The engraved edict therein is in the custody of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation (DAF) at present.

After demolition of the earlier buildings at 26 Alipur Road, foundation stone for the construction of the Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial building at 26 Alipur Road was laid by the Prime Minister on 21.3.2016 and the work is under progress. After demolition of the earlier buildings at 15 Janpath, foundation stone for the construction of the Dr. Ambedkar International Center building at 15 Janpath was laid by the Prime Minister on 20.4.2015 and the building was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 7.12.2017.

This information was given by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Shri Vijay Sampla in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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