

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**FOR WRITTEN REPLY****QUESTION NO. 1236**

Mr. N Singh (IFP) to ask the Minister of Arts and Culture:

- (1) Whether the Government is involved in the facilitation of any public or private function on the 16 November 2010 related to the anniversary celebrations of the arrival of the first Indian indentured labourers; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;**

- (2) Whether she will include a multiparty team of South Africa parliamentarians of Indian origin to assist her in facilitating anniversary functions in conjunction with already established private formations, if not, why not, if so, what are the details?**

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REPLY

1. The department of Arts and Culture is in discussion with the Provincial government of KwaZulu-Natal and the 1860 Legacy Foundation amongst other partners and stakeholders. The plan is to host a national celebration commemorating the 150 anniversary of the arrival of indentured Indians in South Africa, on the 16 November 2010, in KwaZulu-Natal.

2. Once the plan is in place, the Department will engage Parliament on the anniversary celebrating for the 16 November 2010.