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PRIME MINISTER'S SECTT.

I understand that there will be some ceremonies at Sanchi in Bhopal State on the 29th and 30th November in connection with the opening of a Buddha-Vihara there and depositing some relics in it. This function is likely to be a fairly big affair and a number of people from other countries will probably come. The Prime Minister of Burma is expected to attend. I think that the Government of India should contribute something for the expenses of this occasion. I understand that a request has been made to the States Ministry.

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We have received a reference on this subject from the Bhopal Government. They propose to spend Rs. 50,000/- on this account. This is a matter within the financial competence of the State Government. We are therefore consulting the Finance Ministry and informing the Chief Commissioner accordingly and asking him to report should there be any difficulty.

2. The Bhopal Government themselves have not asked for an ad hoc Central grant for this purpose but have only asked for sanction to incur the expenditure which they propose to meet from their own budget estimates by re-appropriation. For the current year we have already given them an over-all grant-in-aid of Rs. 1.05 crores and it seems therefore that a special grant from the Government of India for this small item may not be necessary.

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