

Cracks in Taj Mahal

5672. **SHRI M. RAGHUMA REDDY :**
SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that serious cracks and CANCER is fast developing in Taj Mahal, Agra since five years;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) steps being taken by Government to stop cracks and CANCER so as to preserve the originality of this monument ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO) : (a) No cracks of a serious nature or cancer have developed in Taj Mahal during the last five years. The cracks noticed in Taj Mahal have been in existence for decades. The tell-tales fixed by the Archaeological Survey of India in 1943 have shown no further expansion of the cracks.

(b) and (c). The cracks are mainly due to oxidization of iron dowels and clamps. These are replaced by non-corrosive metallic dowels and clamps. A High Power Expert Committee has also been set up to examine all problems relating to the conservation and preservation of Taj Mahal.

Implementation of Official Language

5673. **SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI :**
Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any decision with regard to effective implementation of official language;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the country is likely to have one national official language ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement given the requisite information is enclosed.

(c) Question does not arise.

Statement

The Central Government have taken the following important decisions to implement the provisions on Official language as contained in the Constitution, the Official Languages Act, 1963 and the Official Languages, Rules, 1976 :—

1. To ensure the progressive use of Hindi in the Official work of the Central Government and with a view to co-ordinate the work being done by the various Ministries/Department, a Kendriya Hindi Samiti has been constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister. It includes some prominent Central Ministers, Chief Ministers, Members of Parliament and eminent non-officials also as its members.
2. Hindi Salahkar Samitis have been constituted in various Ministries/Departments of the Central Government to advice for the use of Hindi as Official Language.
3. Central Official Language Implementation Committee has been set up under the Chairmanship of the Hindi Adviser to the Government of India and Secretary, Department of Official Language to review the implementation of instructions relating to the Official Language.
4. Official Language Implementation Committees have been set up in the Ministries/Departments of the Central Government. Besides Ministries/Departments, Official Language Implementation Committees have been set up in Attached and Subordinate offices and offices of Corporations and Companies where 25 or more persons are employed.
5. Town official Language Implementation Committees have been set up in 65 cities of the country to review and coordinate the progress in the use of Hindi in local Central Government offices.
6. The Department of Official Language prepares an annual programme each