

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4254
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2000
RENOVATION OF ELLORA CAVES
CHANDRAKANT BHURAO KHAIRE

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the repair and renovation work of the `Ellora Caves` located in Maharashtra is not being taken properly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to maintain the Ellora Caves to their original shape; and
- (d) the details of total amount incurred thereon during the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) No. Sir, the Ellora Caves are in a good state of preservation.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Ellora Caves are being maintained and conserved as per archaeological norms.
- (d) The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and conservation of Ellora Caves during the last three years is :

1997-98 - Rs. 9,49,425/-
1998-99 - Rs. 65,97,373/-
1999-2000 - Rs. 9,96,86/-