

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:633
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PROJECTS FOR PROTECTION OF TAJ
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether projects have been approved by the Government to protect 'Taj' from the environmental point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether work on the execution of these projects has been undertaken;
- (d) if so, the progress achieved and the expected dates for the completion of work, project-wise; and
- (e) the expenditure incurred on these projects against the estimated expenditure?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) to (e) Yes, Sir. 10 projects costing Rupees 222.21 crores have been approved by the Government. These projects are implemented on a 50:50 percent cost-sharing basis with the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. The approved schemes are related to uninterrupted power supply in Agra, construction of Gokul Barrage, improvement of drainage system and sanitation in Agra, construction of bye-pass and construction/widening of Agra City roads. These projects are at various stages of implementation and are expected to be completed by 31st March 2002. So far, Rs.65.53 crores have been released as central share and an expenditure of Rs.101.83 crores was incurred upto 31.12.2000 on 10 projects.