

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SAFEGUARDING TAJ
N.T. SHANMUGAM

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Safeguarding Taj: Forces don't even have decent patrol boat' appearing in `Hindustan Times' dated January 7, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken for safety and security of the Taj?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) As per information furnished by the district police authorities Agra, regular patrol boats have not been deployed on account of insufficient water in the Yamuna.

The Agra Development Authority has provided adequate number of flood-lights along the rear wall of Taj Mahal which are functioning.

Additional security and river patrolling is provided for the security of Taj Mahal on special occasions and also during rainy seasons by the State Police.