

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5309  
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2003  
FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS FROM MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the foreign exchange earned from various monuments under ASI during the last three years along with the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (b) the details of foreign exchange earned from Taj Mahal alone along with the expenditure incurred; and (
- (c) the method of utilisation of the foreign exchange earned from monuments?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Entry fee in US dollars for foreign visitors was introduced in the centrally protected monuments from 28th October, 2000. The details of foreign exchange earned from ticketed monuments under Archaeological Survey of India from 28.10.2000 to March 2003 are at Annexure-I. The following expenditure has been incurred on conservation and maintenance of monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India for the years:

2000-2001	Rs.2917.65 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs.4737.61 lakhs
2002-2003	Rs.6649.78 lakhs

(b) The details of foreign exchange earned from Taj Mahal along with the expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years is at Annexure-II.

(c) Revenue earned from the ticketed monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India is deposited in the consolidated fund of Government of India. 75% of the revenue component is ploughed back to the Department of Culture for various activities including conservation, preservation and environmental development of monuments.

**ANNEXURE-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5309 FOR 28.4.03

STATEMENT OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE COLLECTED BY SALE OF ENTRY TICKET IN (US \$) FROM CENTRALLY PROT MONUMENTS w.e.f. 28.10.2000

Amount in US \$

Name of Circle    20.10.2000    Jan. to Dec.2001    Jan. to Dec.2002    Jan. to March 03  
to  
31.12.2000

Agra	189685	880942	373447	284092
Aurangabad	58829	176885	6612	55788
Bhubaneshwar	12386	12580	2809	2106
Bangalore	Nil	13288	8891	6277
Bhopal	49285	140146	49034	62608
Chennai	5885	30430	15046	8940
Chandigarh	Nil	181	28	
Delhi	82205	342416	118768	72676
Dharwad	4520	17487	5584	4657
Guwahati	Nil	10	4	2

Hyderabad	730	3926	748	596
Jaipur	2030	8437	1662	652
Kolkata	Nil	58	4	12
Lucknow	7720	26511	13122	7700
Patna	26844	60732	45948	33021
Srinagar	Nil	2230	113	
Thrissur	Nil	50	14	
Vadodara	46	Nil	30	84

Total: 440165 1716309 701864 539211

1. Entry fee levied in 14 World Heritage Monuments is @ 10 US \$ and 5 US \$ in other months w.e.f. 28.10.2000
2. From 1st Oct. 2001 the entry fee on 14 World Heritage Monuments has been reduced to @ 5 US \$ corresponding to Rs.250 per head and 2 US \$ corresponding to Rs.100 on other 110 monuments

## ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5309 FOR 28.4.03

DETAILS OF THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNED AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED THEREON FROM TAJ MAHAL THE LAST THREE YEARS

Year	Revenue Collected in foreign exchange (in US dollar)	Expenditure Incurred
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Year Total

Oct.,2000 to Dec.2000 91,650 2000-01 Rs. 21,48,430

2001 4,93,810 2001-02 Rs. 22,02,130

2002 1,77,860 2002-03 Rs. 10,17,093

2003 (upto March) 1,43,555