GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TOURISM AND CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4283 ANSWERED ON:12.08.2002 PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS BY IOC P.D. ELANGOVAN

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

(a)whether the Government have received any financial assistance from the IOC for the conservation of the Heritage Monuments in the country in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding signed by both Culture Ministry and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, last year;

- (b)if so, the details of the funds allocated for each year as well as the funds spent;
- (c)if not, the reasons for the non-disbursement of the funds as signed in the MoU;
- (d)whether the Government propose to constitute a committee to select the heritage monuments for preservation under this MoU;
- (e)if so, the details thereof; and
- (f)the list of monuments selected, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d),(e)&(f)After extensive tours and after studying the condition of various monuments which have special significance from the point of view of preservation as well as from the point of view of cultural regeneration of India, the Ministry of Tourism and Culture have formulated certain proposals for the most economical, integrated and timely use of the aforesaid finances.

The details of the proposals are given in the Annexure. The entire matter is under discussions with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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Sr.No.Name of the Name of the monument Contribution of IOC/IOF Contribution of ASI Remarks
State to be restored/conserved
1. Tamil Nadu Mahabalipuram Rs. 1 crore Minimum Rs. 1 crore
2.Maharashtra 1. Elephanta Minimum Rs.50 lakh Minimum Rs.1 crore
  2. Kanheri Caves
3.Rajasthan Chittaurgarh Fort: Rs.1 crore Minimum Rs.1 crore These are either World Heritage Sites or otherwise extremely significant
                       from the point of view of our cultural and National regeneration.
    Panna Palace
  - Padmini Enclave
                          Presently, all these monuments are in bad conditions and require
            specialised treatment of restoration/conservation. At quite a few points,
            there are a number of squatters and encroachers.
4.Karnataka Hampi
                  Rs.1 crore Minimum Rs.1 crore
5. Harvana Kurukshetra Rs.1 crore Minimum Rs.1 crore
6.Delhi 1. Sufi Nizamuddin Dargah Rs.50 lakh Minimum Rs.50 lakh
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2. Qutub Minar-Lal Kot Rs.50 lakh Minimum Rs.50 lakh

7. Madhya Pradesh Bhimbetka Rs.1 crore Minimum Rs.1 crore

8.Orissa Konark Rs.1 crore Minimum Rs.1 crore

Total= Rs.10 crore Minimum Rs.10 crore