

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1977
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003
INSTALLATION OF STATUE OF SHIVAJI
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE;DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

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

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had submitted any proposal for installation of a statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji at Megh Dambri in Raigad Fort; and

(b) if so, the Union Government's decision thereon alongwith the cost involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Installation of a new statue within the precincts of a centrally protected monument distorts the ancient ambience of the protected monument and contravenes the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959.