

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

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VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL CALCUTTA
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons of poor upkeep and bad management of Victoria Memorial Hall, Calcutta;
- (b) whether a proposal exists for its taking - over by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons for allowing a national architectural treasure to decay?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) to (d) The work relating to total repair and renovation of the galleries has been assigned to Archaeological survey of India. Additional funds have been released for repair work, renovation and for capital expenditure to acquire office accommodation. However, there is no proposal for its taking over by A.S.I. To strengthen the management of Victoria Memorial Hall, a work study has been carried out to assess the staff requirement and the same is under process.