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SAFETY OF BUILDINGS IN TAJ PREMISES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to conduct any study regarding safety of all the buildings in the Taj Premises;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the norms prescribed by the Government with regard to the said study;
- (d) whether the Government has paid any amount in advance to the Central Building Research Institute for conducting the said survey;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the justification for making the advance payments; and
- (f) the time by which the survey is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India has requested Survey of India to check the verticality of minarets of the Taj Mahal and the Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee to conduct Comprehensive Geotechnical and Structural Investigations of Taj Mahal.
- (c) All investigations should be non-destructive without causing any harmful effect to the fabric of the monument and by using state-of-the art technology.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) Rs. 30.00 lakhs has been paid to the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI) for conducting the said study. The advance payment has been made as per the terms and conditions of the CBRI.
- (f) The time indicated by the Central Building Research Institute to complete the study is two years. The Survey of India has completed the field work and their final report is awaited.