

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL PLACES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a)whether the Government has received any proposal from foreign countries for conservation and maintenance of historical places;
- (b)if so, the details in this regard;
- (c)whether any such proposal from a foreign country has been accepted by the Government; and
- (d)if so, the terms and conditions under which the proposal has been accepted?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Yes Sir, Archaeological Survey of India has received proposals from Government of Cambodia and Vietnam for conservation of historical places in their countries. As a follow up action a project report for conservation and restoration of Myson group of temples in Vietnam has been formulated after a visit by experts from Archaeological Survey of India and is at preliminary stage. However, Archaeological Survey of India has taken up Restoration and Conservation of Ta Prohm Temple Complex, Siem Reap in Cambodia on the basis of an agreement signed on 9.4.2002 between the Government of India and the Royal government of Cambodia.

(c)&(d)The Ta Prohm project will be implemented by Archaeological Survey of India in coordination with the Authority for Protection and Management of Angkor (APSARA) and the UNESCO. This project is estimated to cost Rs. 19.57 crores and will span over a period of 10 years.

Initial works on the Ta Prohm project started in December 2003. No other proposals from foreign countries have been accepted so far. There are, however, some requests for participation/technical help for such conservation projects, which are only at a preliminary stage. Does not arise.