

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:638
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006
REPAIR /RENOVATION OF JAMA MASJID
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a)whether Saudi Arabia has offered to repair/renovate the Jama Masjid in Delhi;
- (b)if so, the details in this regard;
- (c)whether the Government has examined the said offer of Saudi Arabia; and
- (d)if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)Yes, Sir.

(b)The embassy of Saudi Arabia has informed MEA that the Govt. of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wishes to contribute through Government of India for repair works of Jama Masjid in Delhi including erection of shades, maintenance of places of ablution and renovation old electrical wiring.

(c)&(d)Yes, Sir. Government has examined the offer in detail. The Archaeological Survey of India is carrying out requisite conservation works at Jama Masjid since 1955. The Hon,ble High court has also directed that Archaeological Survey of India would undertake necessary repairs in consultation with the Delhi Wakf Board. As necessary repairs are being undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India, there is no need for requirement of foreign contribution for this purpose.