GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4199 ANSWERED ON:21.12.2005 . RESTORATION OF KATASRAJ TEMPLES Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram;Singh Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of India has received any request from the Government of Pakistan for technical assistance for the restoration of Katasraj Temples;
- (b) if so, whether the Archaeological Survey of India has prepared any report for conservation and development of Katasraj Temples, and forwarded the same to the Government by Pakistan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the response of the Government of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

MINISTER FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRIS. JAIPAL REDDY)

a) to (d) In response to a request from the Government of Pakistan for technical assistance, the Government has deputed an officer from the Archaeological Survey of India to visit and formulate a proposal for the restoration of the Katasraj Temples.

Based on the visit, the Archaeological Survey of India has prepared a report for conservation and development of Katasraj Temples and this report has been forwarded to the Government of Pakistan through the Ministry of External Affairs. The report envisages the development and restoration of the Katasraj complex in three phases. The report envisages that the execution and funding of the work would be by the Government of Pakistan. The response of the Government of Pakistan on the report is awaited.