

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:501
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006
UPKEEP AND RESTORATION OF MONUMENTS
Reddy Shri Magunta Sreenivasulu

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agreements have been signed with the Corporates for upkeep and restoration of monuments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) the funds received from the Corporates for this purpose and spent thereon during the last two years; and
- (d) the further steps taken by the Government for improving upkeep and restoration of the monuments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) The Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.501 FOR 18.5.2006

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Central Government has signed four agreements with corporates under National Culture Fund for which an amount of Rs.2733.43 lakhs has been received, the details of which are at Annexure.

(d) The Archaeological Survey of India is taking steps on a continuous basis for structural conservation, chemical preservation, and environmental development of the centrally protected monuments. Measures are also undertaken to provide tourist-related amenities, like provision of drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways, signages, information centres, etc. During the year 2006-07 the following amount has been allocated under Budget Head 'Conservation of Ancient Monuments'.

PLAN	Rs.5041.00 lakhs
NON PLAN	Rs.6820.00 lakhs