

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

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CORPORATE PARTICIPATION IN CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has decided to allow corporate participation in its conservation efforts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Action Plan has been prepared in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The National Culture Fund, Set up by the Ministry of Culture by notification dated November 28, 1996 provides opportunity for individuals, NGO's and Corporate Houses to participate in the repair, upkeep and maintenance of national monuments.

The National Culture fund accepts institutions and individuals as partners of the Government in the management of the culture scenario. It is an important initiative for forging public private partnership and mobilizing extra budgetary resources for the conservation of monuments.

Details of conservation/development works identified under the auspices of the National Culture Fund are annexed.