

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ENTRY FEE OF WORLD HERITAGE MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign tourists prefer to make payment in dollars for their entry into world heritage monuments;
- (b) if so, whether the income from entry tickets in such monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has come down from the peak season from October 2007 onwards;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether ASI proposes to ban payment in dollars for entry into such monuments;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the remedial measures taken by ASI to check loss of revenue from entry tickets in such monuments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) No such trend has been observed.

(b)&(c) Question does not arise.

(d)to(f) A preliminary notification inviting comments/suggestions has been published in the Official Gazette of India on 18th January, 2008, to charge entry fee from foreign visitors @Rs.250/- per person at the ticketed World Heritage Sites and @Rs.100/- per person at other ticketed monuments.