

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESTORATION OF JANTAR MANTAR
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to restore Jantar Mantar and other historical monuments in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and estimated cost of project; and
- (c) the time by which the renovation work is likely to be taken up and the expected time of completion?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) Conservation and restoration of Jantar Mantar as well as other centrally protected monuments is a continuous process and is taken up depending upon the needs of monuments and availability of resources. For conservation and development of Jantar Mantar at Delhi, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with M/s Apeejay Surrendra Park Hotels Limited under the aegis of the National Culture Fund in the year 2000. So far the work relating to illumination & improved signage at the monument has been completed. The donor has so far contributed Rs. 16.09 lakhs towards the project. An estimate amounting to Rs. 11.98 lakhs has been prepared for the conservation of the Misra Yantra at Jantar Mantar. Since the work involves various agencies, no specific time limit for the completion of the work has been fixed.