

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FACELIFT TO MONUMENTS IN DELHI

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give a facelift to the various historical monuments in Delhi in view of the ensuring Commonwealth Games, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether basic amenities like drinking water, tea/coffee, parking facility, etc. are available in monuments like Qutub Minar, Red Fort and Safdarjung Tomb;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the further measures being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

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There are in all 174 centrally protected monuments in Delhi, which have been declared as of national importance by the Central Government. Out of these, the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has identified 46 centrally protected monuments in Delhi (Annexure) which are either popular among tourists or are located on main routes associated with the Commonwealth Games. These monuments are being spruced up to make them presentable keeping in view the forthcoming mega-event to be organized in October, 2010.

The main items of work identified at these monuments include conservation/repairs of the monuments, improving the pathways, repairs and painting of the railings/boundary wall, providing new or up-grading existing toilets, drinking water, publication counters, signage, chemical preservation, environmental development and illumination of some of these. The projected expenditure on conservation, preservation and environmental development of these monuments is approximately Rs.25.73 crores.

Providing of new amenities and upgrading the existing ones at centrally protected monuments are regular features which are taken-up every year on need basis, subject to availability of resources. But, special efforts are now underway for upgradation of basic tourist amenities at 11 monuments, including Qutb Minar, Red Fort and Safdarjung Tomb in view of Commonwealth Games, 2010. There is also a proposal to provide small cafeteria at 4 and souvenir shops at 6 most visited monuments. The ASI has incurred an expenditure of Rs.11.86 crores till March, 2010 on special conservation works, scientific preservation and environmental development at 46 monuments.

The India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) in collaboration with ASI has already illuminated Purana Qila, Khairul Manazil Mosque, Sher Shah Gate, Sabz Burz and Safdarjung Tomb. There is a proposal of ITDC to illuminate some more monuments in Delhi including Khan-i-Khana's Tomb, Bara Khambha, Najaf Khan's Tomb, Kotla Feroz Shah, Khuni Darwaza, Biran Ka Gumbad, Dadi Poti, and Sakri Gumbad.

Apart from 46 monuments so specially identified for the Commonwealth Games, the ASI has also undertaken a programme for conservation, preservation and landscaping of the surroundings at the remaining protected monuments in Delhi also.

ANNEXURE

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The list of 46 monuments in Delhi identified for sprucing up for Commonwealth Games – 2010

Sl.No. Name of the monument

1. Purana Qila Complex, Mathura Road
2. Khairul-Manazi'l- Mosque, Mathura Road
3. Sher Shah Gate, Mathura Road
4. Humayun's Tomb Complex, Nizamuddin East
5. Khan-i-Khana's Tomb, Nizamuddin East
6. Subz Burj, Nizamuddin
7. Nila Gumbad, Nizamuddin East near Nizamuddin Railway Station
8. Bu - Halima Tomb, near Humayun's Tomb, Nizamuddin
9. Arab- ki-Sarai, Nizamuddin East
10. Bara Khambha, Nizamuddin West
11. Group of Monuments Hazarat Nizamuddin Complex
12. Safdarjung Tomb Complex, Jorbagh
13. Lodi Garden Monuments (5 Nos.)
 - (i) Muhammad Shah's Tomb
 - (ii) Bara Gumbad Masjid
 - (iii) Shish-Gumbad
 - (iv) Sikandar Lodi's Tomb
 - (v) Athpula
14. Najaf Khan Tomb, Aliganj, Kidwai Nagar
15. City Wall, Kashmiri Gate, near ISBT
16. Wazirabad Bridge, Tomb and Mosque.
17. Kotla Feroz Shah, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
18. Delhi Gate, Daria Ganj, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
19. City Wall, Daria Ganj Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
20. Khuni Darwaza, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg near Kotla Feroz Shah
21. Jantar Mantar Complex, Parliament street
22. Lal Bangla, Golf Course, Golf link
23. Ugrasen-ki-Baoli, Hailey Road
24. Red Fort Complex, Old Delhi
25. Ajmeri Gate, Asaf Ali Road
26. Salim Garh Fort, Red Fort
27. Ashokan Rock Edict, East of Kailash
28. Biran ka Gumbad, Green Park
29. Dadi Poti, Hauz Khas
30. Sakri Gumti, Hauz Khas
31. Bara Khambha, Hauz Khas
32. Mohamadiwali Mosque, Mayfair Garden
33. Lal Gumbad, Malviya Nagar
34. Teen Burji, Mohammad Pur Village
35. Siri Fort Wall
 - (i) Stretch adjoining Panchsheel Park
 - (ii) Stretch adjoining Asiad Village
 - (iii) Stretch of the Wall from Asiad tower to Siri Fort Sports Complex
36. Hauz Khas Complex, Hauz Khas
37. Jahanpanah Wall, Adchini and Hauz Rani
38. Qila Rai Pithora Wall, Ladoo Sarai
39. Satpula, Khirki Village
40. Qutb Minar Complex, Mehrauli
41. Jamali Kamali Tomb and Mosque, Mehrauli
42. Ajim Khan's Tomb, Anuvrat Marg, Delhi Gurgaon Road
43. Balban's Tomb and Ruins, Anuvrat Marg, Delhi Gurgaon Road
44. Tughluqabad Fort, M.B. Road
45. Ghiasuddin Tughluq's Tomb, M.B. Road
46. Adilabad Fort, M.B. Road