

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL CULTURAL FUNDS TO PROTECT MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Commission for Cultural Fund has proposed to collaborate with corporate sector for protection and conservation of historical monuments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government and corporate sector in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The details are annexed.

(c) The Central Government is keen to invite private and public sectors to participate in the protection and preservation of protected monuments, archaeological sites and remains, declared as of national importance.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5278 FOR 28.04.2010

Details on ongoing Projects under National Culture Fund

1. Taj Mahal

MoU was signed between Archaeological Survey of India(ASI), National Culture Fund(NCF) and Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (IHCL) on 21st June, 2001 to undertake conservation at Taj Mahal, Agra. IHCL had agreed to provide a fund of one crore eighty seven lakh rupees only. The work is in progress.

2. Jantar Mantar, New Delhi.

MoU was signed between Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), National Cultural Fund (NCF) and Apeejay Surendra Park Hotels Ltd. on 11th December, 2000 for illumination, signage, and conservation of Jantar Mantar. Signage and illumination of the monuments within Jantar Mantar complex have been completed.

3. Lodi Garden, New Delhi

MoU was executed between Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), National Culture Fund (NCF) and Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) on 10th Jan 2006 for conservation, preservation, maintenance and landscaping of five monuments located in Lodi Garden. SAIL has agreed to extend financial assistance amounting to one crore rupees for the purpose. INTACH, Delhi Chapter has been appointed as executing agency and the work of first phase has already been completed.

4. Jaisalmer Fort, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

MoU between World Monument Fund (WMF), Archaeological Survey of India and National Cultural Fund was signed on 13th Aug.-2003 for restoration of Jaisalmer Fort. World Monument Fund (WMF) has made available a financial grant of US \$ 4,39,000 with NCF. ASI has also deposited four crore rupees with NCF as matching grant for the project. The work under the pilot project is in progress.

5. Sun Temple, Konark

Archaeological Survey of India, National Culture Fund, Indian Oil Foundation and Indian Oil Corporation had signed MoU for developing tourist infrastructure facilities at Sun Temple, Konark on 30th May 2001. The total budget allocated for this project is thirteen crore and eight lakhs rupees only. Detailed Development Plan has been prepared and approved. The work of GPRS survey before actual execution of work is in progress.

6. Khajuraho Temples, Khajuraho

A comprehensive development plan for development of Group of Temples at Khajuraho has been jointly approved by ASI, NCF and Indian Oil Foundation(IOF). The Consultant is in process of developing the detailed drafted plans. The work under the Project will start

after the finalization of the detailed plans.

7 Kanheri Caves, Bombay

Kanheri Caves in Mumbai has also been identified by ASI, NCF and IOF for undertaking certain development works under the Indian Oil Foundation Project in collaboration with NCF and ASI. The work of preparing concept plan for Kanheri caves is in process.

8. Warrangal Fort, Warrangal

The ASI, NCF and IOF had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to take up certain development works at Warrangal Fort, Warrangal. The work at the monument has not yet started.

9. Buddhist Stupa at Vaishali and Kolhua, Bihar

This monuments/sites have been recently selected under the IOF sponsored project. To decide the scope of work a team of IOF and ASI and other State Government authorities recently visited the ancient sites.

10. Lauriya Nandan Garh, Chanki Garh and Rampurva of West Champaran, Bihar MoU was signed on 18th Dec. 2007 between ASI, NCF and Steel Authority in India, Bokaro for development of tourist amenities and landscaping of open area around the monuments. The Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), Bokaro has agreed to contribute an amount of fifty lakh rupees for the project. Detailed estimates are under preparation.

11. Gol-Gumbaz, Bijapur

MoU was signed between ASI, NCF and State Trading Corporation(STC) towards the development of tourist facilities at Gol-Gumbaz. STC has agreed to donate fifty lakh rupees. Detailed estimates and designs are under preparation.

12. Wazirpur-Ka-Gumbad, Munirka, New Delhi

MoU has been signed between the ASI, NCF and PEC Ltd. for the development of tourist facilities at Wazirpur-Ka-Gumbad, Munirka, New Delhi. PEC Ltd. has agreed to donate twenty five lakh rupees. Subsequent to PIC meeting and a joint site visit by ASI and PEC Ltd it has been decided to opt for some another monument since Wazirpur-Ka-Gumbad does not have much scope of work.

13. Krishna Temple Complex, Hampi, Karnataka

MoU was signed between ASI, NCF and Hampi Foundation for the conservation of Krishna Temple Complex, Hampi. Hampi Foundation has agreed to raise four crore rupees for the purpose.

14. Hidimba Devi Temple, Manali

MoU was signed between ASI, NCF and UCO Bank, Kolkata on 15th July 2008 for conservation, restoration and environmental development of Hidimba Devi Temple, Manali. UCO Bank has agreed to donate thirty lakh rupees. ASI is in process of preparation of a detailed site management plan.

15. Tughluqabad Fort , Delhi

MoU was signed between the ASI, NCF and Gas Authority of India Ltd.(GAIL) on 13th April, 2009 towards conservation, restoration and environmental development at Tughlaqabad Fort, Delhi. GAIL has agreed to donate thirty lakh rupees for the project.

16. Shiva Temple, Ambernath

MoU has been signed between ASI, NCF and Nagrik Seva Mandal for the maintenance of centrally protected Shiva Temple at Ambernath.

17. Humayun's Tomb-Sunder Nursery-Nizamuddin Basti – Urban Renewal Project

MoU has been signed between Archaeological Survey of India(ASI), Ministry of Urban Development(MUD), Municipal Corporation of Delhi(MCD), Aga Khan Trust for Culture(AKTC) & Aga Khan Foundation of India(AKFI) on 11.7.2007 for the urban renewal of the Humayun's Tomb- Sunder Nursery and Nizamuddin Basti Area. The project aims mainly to deal with conservation and development of following-protected monuments in Nizamuddin Area:

1. Atagh Khan's Tomb
2. Chausath Khamba
3. Baoli
4. Tilangani's Tomb
5. Lal Mahal
6. Sunderwala Burj
7. Sunderwala Mahal
8. Lakkharwala Tomb

Other proposals under National Cultural Fund

(i) LIGHT OF BUDDHA DHARMA FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL (LBDFI) - INDIA

The agreement is yet to be signed.

(ii) MANDU, JAGESWAR AND DHOLI

The agreement is yet to be signed.