

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RENOVATION OF MOSQUES/TEMPLES/CHURCHES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of ancient temples / mosques / churches in the country are in dilapidated condition and need urgent renovation / repair;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their names and location, State-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Archaeological Survey of India to renovate / repair or beautify them;
- (d) the details of funds allocated in this regard during the last two years and the current year; and
- (e) the steps taken by the ASI to ensure protection of our historical monuments including ancient temples, mosques and churches?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) including temples / mosques / churches are in a good state of preservation.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The protected monuments are under the regular care of the ASI and conservation work on them is attended to continuously. The details of expenditure incurred during the last two years and allocation for the current financial year are as under :

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl.No. Years Expenditure Allocation

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| 1. | 2008-09 | 13498.60 |
| 2. | 2009-10 | 15300.43 |
| 3. | 2010-11 | 13590.00 |

(e) Every year the conservation programme for repairs and maintenance of protected monuments is reviewed wherein the completed works are dropped and new works are incorporated depending upon the need of repairs at different sites and availability of resources. In addition to departmental staff for watch and ward, outsourced security system has also been engaged at important sites for proper safety and security of the protected monuments.