

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has come forward to conserve, develop and restore some of the monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of monuments which are identified for this purpose and the major works required to be carried out;
- (c) whether some more Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) have also expressed their willingness to conserve more monuments and places of historical importance in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which they are likely to be handed over to them for conservation ?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under National Culture Fund (NCF) scheme (Ministry of Culture) on 22-12-2009 with National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) with respect to conservation and development of Group of Monuments at Mandu (Madhya Pradesh), Group of Temples at Jageshwar (Uttarakhand) and Archaeological Site at Lalitgiri/ Dhauli (Orissa), all declared as of national importance.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. The ASI has also signed MoUs with other PSUs under NCF scheme to conserve, preserve and upgrade the tourist amenities at a few centrally protected monuments, archaeological sites and remains. The details are at ANNEXURE.
- (e): The monuments are not handed over to the donor agency for conservation, however the work at the monuments commences after the MoUs are signed and the details of the works to be taken up are finalized.