

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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LIGHT AND SOUND SHOWS AT TOURIST SPOTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the light and sound programmes have been organised with the help of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at various national monuments and other tourists spots to promote tourism in various parts of the country including Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (d): Development of tourist places is primarily under taken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Ministry of Tourism however, provide financial assistance for tourism projects including sound and light shows on the basis of proposals received from them and the Central Agencies subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with Scheme Guidelines.

The Ministry has sanctioned following sound and light show projects at monuments under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan so far.

(Rs. in Lakh)

S.No.	Name of Projects Sanctioned	Amount
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| 1. | Sound and Light Show at Purana Quila, Delhi                 | 500.00 |
| 2. | Upgradation of Sound and Light Show at Red Fort, Delhi      | 500.00 |
| 3. | Upgradation of Sound and Light Show at Agra Fort, Agra, UP. | 170.50 |
| 4. | Sound and Light Show at Talatal Ghar, Sivasagar, Assam      | 158.54 |

No sound and light show projects has been sanctioned by Ministry of Tourism in Orissa during this period.