GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:241 ANSWERED ON:10.11.2010 REJUVENATION OF FORT RAIGAD Rane Dr. Nilesh Narayan

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has submitted any proposal to rejuvenate the Fort- Raigad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the proposed cost and other details of the proposal;
- (d) whether the Government has taken up any initiative to promote it as tourist destination; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): During the year 2006-07, the Government of Maharashtra through the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation had provided Rs.1.5 crore for the conservation of Raigad Fort as deposit work with the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.
- (d) & (e): From the year 2007 onwards, conservation works have been undertaken at Raigad Fort which mainly include repairs and restoration to Khalbat Khana, repairs of Taksal, pathway in front of Nagarkhana, booking office at Mena gate, repairs to Dharmashala, repairs of Nagarkhana and development and landscaping of Samadhi area. Besides, toilet blocks, signage and brochures have also been provided at the monument. During the current financial year(2010-11) debris clearance and restoration of exposed structures, elaborate signage and development of sculptural shed are the main works proposed at the Fort.