

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF NATIONAL HERITAGES MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes to protect the national heritage monuments including Taj Mahal from the on slaught of natural calamities;
- (b) whether any provision exist for providing a separate/dedicated budget for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Conservation of the centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. All such monuments, including Taj Mahal, across the country are in a good state of conservation and constant efforts are made to mitigate impact of any natural calamity. As a precaution, retrofitting work, water tightening, installation of lighting conductors, etc., have been undertaken/provided at the monuments, wherever necessary.

(c): No, Sir. There is no specific budget provision for the same.