

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF FORTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ancient forts of historical importance in West Bengal and Orissa;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to preserve these forts as tourist centres; and
- (c) if so, the historical forts selected for this purpose and the amount of funds utilised in this regard during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) The details of forts declared as of national importance in West Bengal and Orissa are given at Annexure.
- (b) The Archaeological Survey of India undertakes conservation and preservation of these forts on regular basis, besides their upgradation from tourism point of view by way of providing facilities like drinking water, toilet block, pathways, signage, etc. depending upon the requirement and resources.
- (c) The expenditure incurred on maintenance and conservation on these forts during the last three years and current year upto Nov.2010 is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)
2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11
(upto Nov.2010)

West Bengal	4.70	6.38	15.42	10.96
Orissa	4.36	14.01	38.01	22.39