

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROPOSAL TO OUTSOURCE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has any proposal to outsource the maintenance of World Heritage Sites in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the sites/monuments which are identified for the purpose;
- (c) whether there is also any proposal to introduce Single Entry Ticket for several monuments to avoid hardships to the visitors; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) A common entry ticket for all the World Heritage Sites except Taj Mahal and another common entry ticket for the remaining ticketed monuments protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are being introduced. The Taj Mahal will have an exclusive but new entry ticket. All these tickets are specially designed and will be available at the ASI Head Quarters and its booking counters at the monuments. Hotels and travel-agents would also be at liberty to buy these tickets in bulk.

It is programmed to introduce the new tickets within 3 months.