

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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THREAT TO HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any threat to historical buildings in Hyderabad due to the construction of metro rail in the city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the present status in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (c) There are only two centrally protected monuments viz. Golconda Fort and Charminar located in Hyderabad. As per the preliminary map supplied by Larsen & Toubro Limited, Golconda Fort is shown far from Hyderabad Metro Rail Line Project. The exact distance of Rail line from Charminar, is not clear. Further, whether this project is to be constructed underground or overground is not yet finalized. Under the situation, it is not possible to comment on the impact of metro line on monument i.e. Charminar.