

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BEAUTIFICATION OF TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken any project for beautification of the Taj Mahal during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilised for the said purpose during the same period; and
- (d) the details of agencies involved in the said project?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) Conservation, preservation, chemical treatment, maintenance of monuments, as well as horticultural operations in and around monuments are continuous exercise, which is taken up by Archaeological Survey of India(ASI). Although, no specific project for beautification of Taj Mahal has been undertaken, Archaeological Survey of India undertakes the conservation, preservation, maintenance, development of environs, including providing basic tourist amenities at Taj Mahal, as per needs and availability of resources. The expenditure incurred on structural conservation, chemical preservation and environment development of monuments at Taj Mahal complex during the last three years are as under:

Rupees in lakhs

Year	Structural Conservation	Chemical Preservation	Environment Development
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2008-09	232.54	21.32	18.77
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2009-10	157.00	52.00	19.00
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2010-11	93.22	28.12	20.37
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