

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation is providing any assistance to preserve heritage sites in some parts of the country particularly in the eastern and southern parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to other parts of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI R.P.N. Singh)

- (a) and (b): Yes, Madam. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited(ONGC) has approved the following Projects for financial assistance..
- (i) Project "Amulya Dharohar" has been launched on 10th March, 2012 in association with Archaeological Survey of India, and National Culture Fund, for conservation and beautification of historic sites at Sivasagar District, Assam(North Eastern part of the country), namely Talatal Ghar, Rang Ghar, Kareng Ghar and group of Maidams in Charideo, at a total cost of Rs.2.38 crore(approximately).
 - (ii) Project "Restoration of Miskal Mosque and Tali Temple" in the State of Kerala (Southern part of the country) at a total cost of Rs. 4.64 crore.
 - (iii) Project "Glass cover over the Chariot at the entrance of National Museum", Delhi, at a total cost of Rs. 14.85 lacs.
- (c) and (d): Yes, Madam. The following Heritage Protection Site proposals have been received by ONGC and are under examination:
- (i) Restoration of Schools in heritage buildings, Pondichery;
 - (ii) Interpretation; Centre at Humayun's tomb Delhi; and
 - (iii) Upgradation of Swatantra Sangrahalaya (Museum of Freedom Struggle), Red Fort, Delhi; and
 - (iv) Interpretation Centre at Taj Mahal,Agra (U.P.).
- (e): Does not arise in view of reply to (c) and (d) above.