

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government/ Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) provides adequate funds to the State of Andhra Pradesh for maintenance of protected monuments/sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ASI has undertaken a face lift of Charminar;
- (d) if so, the total funds sanctioned for the purpose along with the time by which it is likely to be completed; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that required funds are made available to the ASI for maintenance of historical places in Andhra Pradesh in particular, and in the country in general?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Based on the budgetary resources, funds are provided for conservation of centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh. The details are as under:

Rs. in Lakhs

Sl. No. Year Expenditure incurred/Allocation

1.	2009-10	610.00
2.	2010-11	664.86
3.	2011-12	640.00
4.	2012-13	685.00

(Allocation)

(c) to (e) Conservation work of the monuments including Charminar is a continuous process wherein the essential repairs are attended regularly as per archaeological norms and principles, depending upon the need at particular site and availability of resources. The amount earmarked for Charminar for current financial year is Rs. 5,00,000/-. The identified work is proposed to be completed by March 2013. Funds are provided for conservation of monuments in the country including Andhra Pradesh on the basis of budgetary resources and the requirement identified from time to time.