

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3856
ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012
PROTECTION OF TAJ MAHAL
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been observed that the foundation of Taj Mahal at Agra is infested by termites causing damage to the foundation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to preserve and protect the Taj Mahal at Agra during the last three years and the amount spent on it?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No such infestation by termites has been observed in the foundation of Taj Mahal. Conservation work to the Taj Mahal is attended regularly and it is in a good state of preservation. The details of expenditure incurred during the last three years and provision for the current financial year are as under:

(Amount in Rupees)

Sl. No. Year Expenditure incurred/ Allocation

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| 1. | 2009-10 | 95,03,795 |
| 2. | 2010-11 | 3,08,11,197 |
| 3. | 2011-12 | 78,06,228 |
| 4. | 2012-13 | 1,30,20,200 |
- (Allocation)