

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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WEBSITE ON HERITAGE INITIATIVES

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the National Culture Fund and the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) have signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create a website on Heritage and Disaster Management and other Heritage initiatives in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details and the salient features of the said MoU;

(c) the extent to which the Corporate Social Responsibility of HUDCO would be fulfilled on implementation of the said MoU; and

(d) the details of the funds allocated for the said purpose and the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

a) Yes, Madam. National Culture Fund (NCF) and Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 18th October, 2012

b) With the signing of the MoU, NCF and HUDCO agreed to utilize their respective strengths for the following :

1. Training and Capacity Building
2. Disaster management
3. Museum upgradation
4. Environmental improvement and provision of amenities
5. Conservation and restoration of monuments
6. Any other activity representing the cultural heritage of the country. The details of the salient features of the MoU Annexed.

(c) On the implementation of the said MoU, the Corporate Social Responsibility activities of HUDCO shall benefit the preservation and restoration of heritage buildings, with the provision of basic amenities/facilities at heritage sites and promotion, training/capacity building, awareness generation for the enhancement of culture and the improvement of the quality of life of citizens and development of the habitat sector.

(d) This is an Umbrella MoU, which does not mention any fund allocation. Fund allocation is to be made upon the signing of individual project specific MoU's between NCF & HUDCO subsequently.