

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL CULTURE FUND
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up National Cultural Fund for conservation and renovation of various monuments and heritage sites in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and corporates have also contributed for conservation and renovation of various monuments in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of the contribution committed and actually released by various PSUs and corporates during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and monument-wise; and
- (e) the present status of conservation/renovation of various monuments in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) Yes Madam. The National Culture Fund was set up in 1996 for conservation, renovation and protection of various monuments and heritage sites in the country.
- (b) The details are provided in the enclosed Annexure-A
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) The details of the contribution committed and actually released by various PSUs and corporates during each of the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-B.
- (e) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process taken up on need basis subject to the availability of resources the centrally of resources the centrally protected monuments under ASI are in a good state of preservation.