

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASI VISIT TO JAMA MASJID
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the officials of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) visited Jama Masjid to assess the deteriorating condition of this historic structure/monument;
- (b) if so, the details of the status report submitted by ASI and the reaction of the members of the Jama Masjid Board thereto;
- (c) whether the Government/ASI has taken/proposes to undertake repair and maintenance of the said monument;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken by the Government/ ASI to protect the said monument?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)to(e) Yes, Madam. Although Jama Masjid is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Government of India has decided to get the repairs to Jama Masjid done through ASI. An ASI team has recently visited the Masjid and identified the repair works required to be undertaken in consultation with Masjid authorities. The detailed estimate is under preparation and conservation work will be taken-up thereafter.