GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1918 ANSWERED ON:17.12.2013 RESTORATION OF RED FORT Choudhary Shri Bhudeo;Devi Aswamedh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is likely to take advice from national and international archaeological experts to restore the World Heritage monument 'Red Fort' situated in Delhi to its original form;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the efforts made to do away with the changes carried out by the British and restore the original beauty of the Red Fort; and

(d) the amount of funds likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is taking adequate care for conservation, preservation and environmental development of 'Red Fort' within the available resources. Besides this, an international workshop was held at Red Fort in October, 2013 wherein the experts suggested methodologies and advice for over all conservation and management of the monument.

(c)&(d) As per the recommendations in Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan of Red Fort some of the modern structures in the Fort Complex have been removed. For few others, identification and removal process including restoration of original features is in progress. The conservation/restoration work, being a continuous process, the requisite funds are provided as per the availability of resources.