

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3799
ANSWERED ON:18.02.2014
PROTECTION OF TAJ MAHAL
Ramshankar Dr.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the river Yamuna used to flow adjoining the TajMahal in the past;
- (b) if so, whether the wood had been used in laying the foundation of the TajMahal;
- (c) if so, whether continuous sogginess is required for strengthening and safety of the foundation of TajMahal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to preserve and protect the said monument and the total expenditure incurred for the purpose during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) to(d) For quite a long period the River Yamuna has been flowing a little away from the TajMahal.

The scientific studies conducted so far have not revealed use of any wood in the foundation or requirement of sogginess for strengthening and safety of the monument, etc. The conservation work of the monument as well as essential studies on it are conducted regularly and it is in a good state of preservation.

The details of expenditure incurred for the purpose during the last three years are as under:-

Amount in Rs.		
Sl. No.	Year	Expenditure incurred
1.	2010-11	1,78,22,438/-
2.	2011-12	1,72,02,560/-
3.	2012-13	3,61,55,122/-