

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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E TICKETING SYSTEM FOR MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether manual ticketing system for entry into protected monuments in the country is hampered due to non-availability of sufficient staff for issuing tickets;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has any proposal to introduce e-ticketing system for entry into protected monuments in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the above proposal is likely to be implemented; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

(a)&(b) No, Madam. Presently about 700 ASI personnel have been deployed to man the ticket counter in 116 ticketed monuments and entry into protected monuments is managed through them.

(c)&(d) Yes, Madam. For a more user friendly and better revenue generating system, Archaeological Survey of India is in the process of implementing the E-ticketing solution at the ticketed monuments under ASI. A Request for Proposal for the selection of suitable implementation partner was published on 26.4.2013. Three bidders have submitted their bids. The pre-qualification evaluations of bids have been completed and all three have qualified. The technical evaluation of bids is under process. Once the tendering process is completed and approval of competent authority is obtained, the E-ticketing solution may be implemented at ASI ticketed monuments. The time frame for implementing the system will be fixed after the contract is finalised.

(e) Does not arise.