

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:70
ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009
WEAKENING OF FOUNDATION OF TAJ MAHAL
Ramshankar Dr.

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the foundation of Taj Mahal has considerably weakened;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating construction of barrage at river Yamuna in Agra;
- (d) if so, the details of the modalities being worked out in this regard; and
- (e) the time by which the modalities are likely to be finalised and implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR 08.07.2009

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The Taj Mahal is in a good state of preservation. The scientific studies carried at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on various structural aspects of the Taj Mahal by Survey of India, Dehradun and Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee have shown that the foundation of the monument as well as its structure are stable and secure. Essential conservation works on the monument are regularly carried out by ASI.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.