

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:78

ANSWERED ON:08.07.2009

PROTECTION /MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL BRIDGES /MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bridges and monuments of historical importance under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India, State-wise;
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and spent therefrom for the purpose during the last three years and the current year, year-wise;
- (c) whether a number of British era bridges and historical monuments in the country are in dilapidated conditions;
- (d) if so, the details of such bridges / monuments identified by the Government; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government for protection / maintenance of all bridges and monuments of historical importance in the country?

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. 78 FOR 08.07.2009

- (a) The details of the centrally protected bridges and monuments of historical importance, State-wise, are given at Annexure I & II respectively.

- (b) The details of amount spent for conservation, preservation and environmental development of the protected monuments including bridges during the last three years and allocation for the current financial year are as under :

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Sl.No. Year Amount Spent / Allocation

1.	2006-07	10816.89
2.	2007-08	12886.19
3.	2008-09	13498.60
4.	2009-10	13065.00 (Allotment)

- (c)& (d) No, Sir. There are no British era bridges under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India. All centrally protected historical monuments are in good state of preservation.

- (e) The conservation work on the monuments is a continuous process. Every year, conservation programme for them is drawn and carried out. The scope of conservation depends upon the site conditions.