

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3073
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

Construction Near Monuments

3073 SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified the monuments which are vulnerable to climatic change and air pollution in various States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that several heritage sites/buildings in the country including those in the National Capital Region are being damaged due to illegal constructions near/around them and if so, the details thereof along with the norms fixed by the Government for construction near/around such monuments, building/site-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any complaint in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the preventive steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard as well as to preserve the heritage sites/buildings?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) All protected monuments are treated equally and essential scientific cleaning, & conservation and preservation work on them is attended regularly as per requirement
- (b) of different sites and availability of resources to guard against bad effects of weathering agencies, air pollution etc. and they are in a good state of preservation
- (c) No Madam. The protected monuments in the country including those in the National & Capital Region are well guarded as well as conservation work on them is attended
- (d) regularly and there is no such damage. The area around the protection limits upto 100 meters is declared as prohibited area where no new construction is allowed and area further beyond up to 200 meters, is declared as regulated area where construction activity is allowed with horizontal and vertical controls as well as design restrictions. No such complaint is received, in this regard.