

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2016
AGRAHAYANA 21, 1938 (SAKA)**

IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON MONUMENTS

4173. SHRIMATI MEENAKASHI LEKHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether historical monuments in the country are adversely affected due to increased pollution;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof monument-wise; and**
- (c) the steps taken to check adverse impact of pollution around historical sites in the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) At present times air pollution is emerging as a challenging problem to which can have adverse effect on historical monuments also.**
- (c) Archaeological survey of India (ASI) is regularly monitoring pollution levels at important monuments like Taj Mahal Agra, Charminar Hyderabad and Bibi-ka-Maqbara at Aurangabad. Periodical scientific preservation work of such monuments is regularly attended to mitigate the impact of air pollution by use of appropriate conservation methods and the protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.**