

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1601
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05-03-2018**

PUBLICATION OF IMAGES OF TAJ MAHAL

1601. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that old sepia-toned images, monochrome photographs and art works on Taj Mahal in the archives of the Archaeological Survey of India are being compiled for publication in a large format folio and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the idea is to put together the scattered visual works into one comprehensive folio if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government realised that they had a wealth of material on the Taj, ranging from old photographs to sepia-toned images and beautiful paintings and lithographs which have not been ever compiled in a comprehensive whole and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, the department has old photographs (black & white), sepia-toned images and drawings of different parts of Taj Mahal, but it has not been compiled as the body of photographic material is too vast to be compiled in a single unit.