

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.374
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.2.2018

STAMPEDE AT TAJ MAHAL

374. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJASINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a stampede has occurred at the mausoleum's east entry gate at Taj Mahal recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore along with the number of people who got injured due to stampede;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to avoid such incidents in future;
- (d) whether the Government has also introduced a new ticket price system in Taj Mahal and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has restricted daily visitors in Taj Mahal and whether this cap is also applicable on foreign tourists and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the world heritage monument of Taj Mahal?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)to(c) No, Madam.

- (d) A preliminary notification for new ticket price at Taj Mahal has been notified on 21.12.2017. As per the notification the rates are as follows:

	<u>Cashless</u>	<u>Cash</u>
Citizen of India and visitors from SAARC and BIMSTEC countries	Rs.35/- per head	Rs.40/- per head
Other nationals	Rs.550/- per head	Rs.600/- per head
Other nationals (for additional facilities)	Rs.800/- per head	Rs.850/- per head

- (e) No, Madam.

- (f) The conservation and preservation works are being taken up as per approved program and availability of funds. The security management is being done by Central Industrial Security Force.

