

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1962
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018

PRESERVATION OF TAJ MAHAL

1962. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G. :
SHRI P. NAGARAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any preventive measures for preservation of Taj Mahal and if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years;
- (b) whether the recent dust storms and thunderstorms has caused severe damage to the minarets and a portion of the structure of Taj Mahal and other ASI maintained monuments in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken by the Government to restore the originality of all the damaged structures;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to invite experts from abroad to examine the Taj Mahal to refurbish it to retain its original marble colour; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be done?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Madam. The essential conservation, preservation and environmental development work at Taj Mahal is attended regularly to keep the monument in good condition. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred in this regard during the last three years are as under:-

Amount in Rs.			
S. No.	Year	Funds allocated	Expenditure incurred
1.	2015-16	36556563	36555570
2.	2016-17	48115035	46994913
3.	2017-18	42222452	41232851

- (b) Yes Madam. The recent storm caused damaged to some of projecting parts of a & few monuments at Agra. The restoration work of damaged parts has already been taken up.
- (d) There is no such proposal under consideration.
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- (e)