

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1717  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2.3.2020

HERITAGE STATUS TO HAVELIS IN CHANDNI CHOWK AREA

1717. SHRI JASBIR SINGH GILL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to give heritage status to numerous havelis/mansions in Chandni Chowk Area of Delhi that are ornately made but are currently in a dilapidated condition and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) intends to acquire a few mansions and restore them to their past glory;
- (c) if so, the details of the redevelopment plan of the Chandni Chowk Area along with works being carried out at several locations in Old Delhi to make it more accessible to tourists;
- (d) whether the Government encountered opposition by traders and shopkeepers to redevelopment efforts being made in the area; and
- (e) the timeline for completion of the development work being undertaken in the Old Delhi area including but not limited to removing overhead wires, restoring walkways and greening of the area?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration in this regard.
- (b) There is no such proposal.
- (c) Question does not arise.
- (d)& (e) The matter of redevelopment is in purview of State Government.