

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1348**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020

**UPKEEP OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS  
BY CORPORATES AND LOCAL CITIZENS**

1348 SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:  
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan of approaching corporate organisations in order to seek their contribution in the upkeep of popular historical monuments, if so, what has been the response to these efforts; and
- (b) the measures taken by the Government to meet the increasing expenditure for the same and whether the Government is considering any policy of involving local citizens by inculcating a sense of ownership among them towards such monuments?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) National Culture Fund (NCF) has been set up in 1996 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India for providing a platform for corporate organisations to contribute in the upkeep of historical monuments, providing facilities, etc. Further, the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India is implementing 'Adopt-a-Heritage' scheme where corporate sector is involved as 'Monument Mitra' for providing facilities and maintaining thereof at historical monuments.
- (b) The expenditure on conservation, preservation and annual maintenance of centrally protected monuments is being met out from regular budget allocated to the Archaeological Survey of India. The NCF and Adopt-a-Heritage scheme is an attempt to involve others in conservation and preservation of our national heritage.

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