

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3996
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF OLDEST FLAG

3996. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the oldest National Flag hoisted on August 15, 1947 is lying in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has set up an Expert Committee for its restoration and preservation and the estimated cost of the project;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The oldest National Flag hoisted on August 15, 1947 is in St. George Fort, Chennai and is in a delicate condition. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has set up an expert committee for restoration and preservation of the National Flag. Estimated cost of the project is Rs.13 Lakhs.
- (d)

The scientific studies have been carried out by the ASI with the help of Textile Committee, Chennai, Govt. of India, Ministry of Textiles and Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam using non destructive techniques prior to start of conservation of the National Flag. Complete photo and video documentation has also been done. On the basis of scientific studies and suggestions of the expert committee, the conservation and preservation work is being carried out so as to complete the project at the earliest.

