

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2415  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015  
AGRAHAYANA 23, 1937 (SAKA)

SPECIAL SECURITY FORCE TO PROTECT MONUMENTS

2415. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:  
SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:  
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Committee of the Culture Ministry has proposed a special force to protect cultural assets, monuments and Government installations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this move;
- (c) the number of staff strength sanctioned for this special force;
- (d) the time by which these staff will be recruited;
- (e) the time by which the proposed special force will be set up; and
- (f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide security to cultural assets of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND  
MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. A committee of Ministry of Culture has recommended a Special Force for protection of Museums objects and protected monuments as part of a comprehensive security policy.
- (b) The Committee so constituted has recommended measures to be taken towards securing cultural assets by physical deployment and with the help of tools and electronic gadgets, etc. including a force.
- (c)to(f) At present the cultural assets are provided with security by regular watch and ward staff, Home Guards, CISF and private security guards.