## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1185 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.7.2016 SRAVANA 3, 1938 (SAKA)

#### INCLUSION OF LAL MAHAL UNDER THE AEGIS OF ASI

### 1185. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to include Lal Mahal under the aegis of ASI;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any action to remove encroachers from the Lal Mahal and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken steps to constitute an Art acquisition Commission; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

## (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) No, Madam. Lal Mahal, Nizamuddin West, New Delhi has not been declared a centrally protected monument by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Since Lal Mahal, Nizamuddin West, New Delhi is not Central protection the action is not under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India.
- (d)&(e) Museums under Ministry of Culture have separate Art Acquisition committees having experts from the field of Art.