

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.170
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.7.2016
ASHADHA 27, 1938 (SAKA)

REVENUE EARNED FROM TAJ MAHAL

170. SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the revenue earned by the Government from Taj Mahal during the last three years and the current year, Year-wise;
- (b) the amount spent on the maintenance and upkeep of the monument during the said period;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has noticed any discoloration of marble of the monument; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The revenue from entry tickets and other paid services at Taj Mahal during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Rupees in lakhs

2013-14	Rs.2245.80
2014-15	Rs.2126.28
2015-16	Rs.2388.83
2016-17	Rs. 830.74(upto June, 2016)

- (b) The amount spent on conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development of Taj Mahal, Agra during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Rupees in lakhs

2013-14	Rs.314.17
2014-15	Rs.442.40
2015-16	Rs.366.60
2016-17	Rs. 24.71(upto June, 2016)

- (c)&(d) Yes, Madam. The yellowing or discoloration of marble surface of Taj Mahal, Agra has been noticed in certain pockets due to natural factors. In order to maintain the original aesthetic appeal of Taj Mahal and to protect its marble surface, Science Branch of Archaeological Survey of India takes up cleaning process in a systematic and phased manner using appropriate conservation materials.

