

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2016
ASHADHA 27, 1938 (SAKA)

MUD PACK THERAPY ON TAJ MAHAL

52. SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether mud pack therapy has been used frequently on the Taj Mahal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for this move;
- (c) the amount of expenditure incurred on this therapy;
- (d) whether frequent use of mud pack therapy is adversely affecting monuments' aesthetic value; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect the monument?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The mud pack method is considered most appropriate for cleaning of marble & surface. It has not been used frequently, as once cleaned the surface does not
- (b) require treatment for about 6-7 years.
- (c) The year-wise details of expenditure incurred for cleaning of marble surface of Taj Mahal, during last three years are as follows:-

S. No.	Year	Expenditure in Rs.
1	2013-14	Rs.4,23,457/-
2.	2014-15	Rs.8,50,937/-
3.	2015-16	Rs.55,18,412/-

- (d) & No Madam. The mud pack treatment improves the aesthetic value of the monument by removal of engrained accretionary deposits.
- (e)