GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.53 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.7.2016 ASADHA 27, 1938 (SAKA)

HIKE IN ENTRY FEES OF MONUMENTS

53. SHRI G. HARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had ordered a threefold hike in the entry fee for various centrally protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India for domestic visitors and 100% for foreign tourists;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that the people who purchase high value tickets would be provided better facilities in the form of free bottled water, Wi-Fi connectivity, mementos and CDs with pictures and films of monuments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Madam. The entry fee for ticketed monuments under Archaeological Survey of India has been increased with effect from 1.4.2016. The details are at Annexure.
- (c)&(d) Purchase of high value tickets by the visitors for visiting the ticketed monuments under Archaeological Survey of India is optional in nature. However, provisions are made with purchase of high value ticket holders for on spot facilities like free bottled water, mementos, CDs with pictures of monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India. The additional facilities are being provided to give the holder of high value tickets special treatment and make the visit more memorable.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 53 FOR 18.7.2016

Entry fee Structure at Centrally Protected Ticketed Monuments effective from 1.4.2016

		Previous Entry Fee rates	Entry fee w.e.f. 1.4.2016
Category A monuments (World Heritage Monuments)	(i) Citizen of India and visitors from SAARC and BIMSTEC countries and overseas citizens of India	Rs.10/- per head	Rs.30/- per head
	(ii) Others (All Nationals other than from countries mentioned above)	Rs.250/- per head	Rs.500/- per head
	(iii) Others (as ii above)		*Rs.750/- per head
Category B monuments (Other ticketed Monuments)	(i) Citizen of India and visitors from SAARC and BIMSTEC countries and overseas citizens of India	Rs.5/- per head	Rs.15/-per head
	(ii) Others (All Nationals other than from countries mentioned above)	Rs.100/- per head	Rs.200/-per head
	(iii) Others (as ii above)		*Rs.300/- per head

^{*}Provided that the Rs.750/- and Rs.300/- ticket is optional for Nationals of countries other than mentioned in (i) above. This would entitle the ticket holder to additional facilities as specified by Director General, by order, from time to time.