

Renovation work in Goa

2136. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has financed the renovation work of churches in Goa;
- (b) if so, the names of the churches and their location;
- (c) the expenditure involved in each of the renovation works;
- (d) by what date the work is expected to be completed and the kind of work being undertaken under renovation; and
- (e) the names of other structures in Goa taken for renovation, if any, and cost involved in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(d) The ongoing conservation and structural repair works on these monuments are targeted for completion by March, 2010.

(e) The details are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

List of Churches under the jurisdiction of Goa Circle and details of expenditure/allocation for conservation

(Amount in rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of the Churches	Location	Expenditure incurred during the last three years			Provision for the year
			2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
1.	Church of St. Augustine	Old Goa	12,20,886	8,97,053	17,50,122	15,00,000
2.	Basilica of Bom Jesus,	Old Goa	13,38,437	12,51,941	16,32,996	16,50,000
3.	Se' Cathedral	Old Goa	20,82,495	14,65,910	24,65,966	19,00,000
4.	Church of St. Cajetan	Old Goa	2,15,858	12,09,797	16,23,170	14,00,000
5.	Church and Convent of St. Francis of Assisi	Old Goa	11,78,549	10,81,181	18,98,367	15,00,000
6.	Chapel of St. Catherine	Old Goa	4,51,003	1,77,403	1,02,933	7,00,000
7.	Church of Our Lady of Rosary	Old Goa	7,29,331	1,87,803	8,60,345	3,00,000

Statement-II

Other Protected Monuments in Goa taken for conservation

(Amount in rupees)

Sl. No.	Names of the other protected monuments	Estimated cost
1.	Upper Fort, Aguada	11,67,000
2.	Safa Masjid, Ponda	11,70,000
3.	Mahadev Temple, Kurdi	2,21,800
4.	Rock cut Caves, Arvalim	76,800
5.	Mahadev Temple, Tambdisurla	2,18,000
6.	Excavated Site, Chandore	70,728
7.	St. Paul Gate	95,713
8.	Viceroy's Arch and Adilshah Gate	65,540
9.	Lower Fort, Aguda	10,18,900

World heritage list

2137. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities which have attained World Heritage Site status by UNESCO's World Heritage List, since such status will increase the number of foreign tourists and develop our tourism sector;

(b) whether Government has taken initiatives to increase the number of heritage cities in the list of UNESCO;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) to (d) The World Heritage Convention, 1972 of UNESCO has not defined a heritage-city. However, a group of buildings of a city or an ancient site can be inscribed as 'cultural-heritage' if it has Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) from the view point of history, art or science. On this line, group of buildings at ancient cities of Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) and Champaner-Pavagarh (Gujarat) have been inscribed on the world heritage list of UNESCO.

It is a continuous process to get more and more sites inscribed on the World Heritage List.