

The protection proposal for remaining monuments would be finalized only after assessment of their historical, archaeological, artistic importance and verification of revenue details.

**Statement**

*List of Monuments proposed by State Government for Central Protection*

Sl. No.	Name of Monuments
1.	Nursinghanath Temple, Paikamal
2.	Madhavananda Temple, Madhava
3.	Leaning Temple, Huma
4.	Jaleswar Temple, Kalarahanga
5.	Nilamadhava Temple, Kantilo
6.	Biranchi Narayan Temple, Buguda
7.	Monuments at Ranipurjharial

**Foundation of Taj Mahal**

3533. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been observed that the foundation of Taj Mahal at Agra is infested by termites causing damage to the foundation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to preserve and protect the Taj Mahal at Agra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Taj Mahal is in a good state of preservation. The scientific studies carried at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India, Dehradun and Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee have shown that the foundation of the monument as well as its have super structure are stable and secure. Essential conservation works on the monument are regularly carried out by the ASI.

**Auction of articles of great Indian Personalities**

3534. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent auctioning of memorabilia of great Indian personalities such as Gandhiji, Nehruji and other countries has come to Government's notice; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a standing authority to look into this and acquire all such articles on our own from around the world?

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