

Restoration of Hastsal Minaret, Delhi

2189. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that 17th century Mughal-era Qutub alike Hastsal Minaret and Hunting Lodge/Hathikhana in Hastsal village in Uttam Nagar, New Delhi are on the verge of collapse due to neglect and urbanization;
- (b) whether Government has any plan for its restoration and conservation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) The Hastsal Minaret and Hunting Lodge/Hathikhana in Hastsal village in Uttam Nagar, New Delhi are not the centrally protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India. However, as gathered from State Archaeology Department of Delhi Government, the Hastsal Minaret is in their list of selected monuments for protection and conservation.

Cultural events in small towns to promote art and culture

2190. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is organising cultural events in small towns and districts to promote the art and culture of various States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the said period; and
- (d) the response received so far from each State?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Zonal Cultural Centres organise cultural events in small towns and districts, in addition to those in big cities. The aim of organizing these events is to promote art and culture of various States, including Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, various Zonal Cultural Centres in the country were released Rs. 1674.13 lakhs (2007-08), Rs. 2616.19 lakhs (2008-09) and Rs. 2116.40 lakhs (2009-10)