

categorized as a classical language on the ground that the criterion of high antiquity of Malayalam (being one of the set of criteria) could not be established. The matter has been referred again to the Committee for re-examination.

#### **Restoration and preservation of old forts and monuments**

1270. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the different schemes for the restoration and preservation of old forts and monuments in the country;
- (b) State-wise details of different forts and monuments being rebuilt during last three years;
- (c) how much amount is being allotted by the Ministry for building such endangered forts for the last three years;
- (d) whether Government plans to build tourism infrastructures along side the restoration process; and
- (e) if so, the details in terms of money spent in the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) For conservation of protected monuments of ASI in the country including old forts, funds are made available under the scheme 'Conservation of Ancient Monuments'. In addition, limited financial assistance is provided for preservation of unprotected monuments, which are less than hundred years old under Grants-in-aid.

(b) and (c) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process in which no complete rebuilding is done. The details of expenditure incurred for conservation of protected monuments of ASI, including forts, for the last three years, are as under:

Sl. No.	Year	Funds allocated/utilised (Rs. In lacs)
1.	2009-10	15300.43
2.	2010-11	15653.87
3.	2011-12	13397.75

- (d) There is no such proposal.
- (e) Does not arise.

**Systematic indexing of articles in National museum**

†1271. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that there is no systematic indexing of the complete articles placed in National Museum, Delhi and neither there is any system for online information for people;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Government had noticed the complaints of missing of invaluable statues, paintings and antique goods; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the name of the officer investigating the matter and since when?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) Every artifact housed in the National Museum has been properly indexed. 150 artifacts of the National Museum have been digitized under the Google Art Project and are available on the website <http://www.googleartproject.com>.

- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.

**Proposals received for archives, museums and  
archaeological survey works**

†1272. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the proposals received regarding archives, museums and archaeological survey works from other States including Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the status of such proposals at present;
- (c) whether any time limit has been prescribed to dispose of the said proposals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.