

**Outsourcing the maintenance of monuments**

688. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to outsource the operational maintenance of monuments with world heritage tag to private agencies in the country;
- (b) whether the plan to outsource maintenance of monuments has been finalized;
- (c) if so, the State-wise list of monuments selected for outsourcing to private agencies; and
- (d) how soon the plan will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) At present there is no such proposal to outsource the operational maintenance with monuments of World Heritage tag under Archaeological Survey of India(ASI). However, ASI has undertaken conservation and development of Humayun's Tomb, Delhi in collaboration with Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC).

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Adoption of monuments by corporate houses**

689. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has asked corporate houses and public sector units to adopt monuments with world heritage tag in the country and maintain them under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programmes;
- (b) if so, how many corporate houses and public sector units have come forward to adopt monuments under Corporate Social Responsibility programmes; and
- (c) the details of monuments selected by Government under the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes Sir. The Government of India encourages Public Private Partnership (PPP) for conservation, restoration and environmental development of protected monuments and sites under the aegis of National Culture Fund (NCF), a Trust under the Ministry of Culture. A few Corporate Houses and public sector units have come forward for the maintenance and development of monuments, including World Heritage, Sites, declared as of national importance.

(b) and (c) As of now 14 PSUs have come forward to adopt monuments under CSR. Details are as given in Statement.