

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.

Statement

Sl. No.	List of Monuments	Name of the Sponsoring agency
1.	Monuments at Lodhi Garden	Steel Authority of India Ltd.
2.	Lauriya Nandangarh, West Champaran,	Bokaro Steel Plant
3.	Yusuf Quattal Mosque, New Delhi	M/s. PEC Ltd.
4.	Sun Temple,	Indian Oil Foundation
5.	Kanheri Caves, Mumbai	
6.	Group of Temples, Khajuraho	
7.	Kolhua and Vaishali	
8.	Warangal Fort, Warangal	
9.	Hidimba Devi Temple	UCO Bank, Kolkata
10.	Gol Gumbaz, Bijapur	State Trading Corporation Ltd.
11.	Tughlaqabad Fort	GAIL
12.	Groups of Monuments, Mandu (MP), Group of Temples, Vikramshila, Bihar Archaeological Site, Lalitgiri/ Dhauli (Odisha)	NTPC
13.	Ahom Monuments	ONGC
14.	Hazardwari Palace	SBI, Kolkata
15.	Temples at Mahabalipuram	The Shipping Corporation of India Ltd.
16.	Swatantra Sangram Sangrahalaya, Red Fort, New Delhi	BHEL
17.	Shiva Temple and Malikarjuna Temple, Karjat, Ahmednagar, Maharastra	GAIL
18.	Jai Prakash Yantra, JantarMantar, Delhi	STC

Attack on minority religious places of worship

690. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attack on minority religious places of worship have increased in the last one year;