Statement

List of monuments in Delhi which are under encroachment

Sl. No. Name of Monument 1. Nili Masjid, Hauz Khas 2. Ancient Mosque, Palam 3. Tughlagabad Fort 4. Begumpuri Masjid, Begumpur 5. Sarai Shahji, Shivalik Malviya Nagar 6. Joga Bai Mound 7. Atgah Khan's Tomb, Hazrat Nizamuddin 8. Qudasia Mosque, Qudasia Garden 9. Purana Qila Rajpur (Mutiny) Cemetery Old Rajpur Cantonment, North District 10. 11. D'Eremao Cemetery, Kishan Ganj 12. Tomb of Razia Begam in Mohalla Bulbuli Khana, Sahajahanabad

Organisation of festival of India

2267. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Festival of India proposed to be organised in the financial year 2017-18;
- (b) the details of the objective with which these festivals are proposed to be organised, country-wise; and
- (c) the details of funds earmarked for each of the Festival of India to be organised on international fronts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Approval of Festival of India in foreign countries is an ongoing process. Till date, Festivals of India to be organized in the financial year 2017-18, have been approved for the United Kingdom, Israel and Belarus.

(b) Festivals of India are held in foreign countries with objectives including promoting Indian culture, Indian artists and art forms abroad, promoting bilateral cultural contacts and in-bound tourism, projecting India's cultural image abroad and strengthening bonds of foreign countries with India.

(c) The funds are earmarked for each Festival of India abroad depending on the events and size of the participating groups. The budget for 2017-18 is yet to be approved by the Parliament.

Financial assistance to Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations

2268. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government implement schemes to give financial assistance to the Buddhist/Tibetan organisations in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and the projects/works implemented under the scheme during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes Sir, the Ministry implements the scheme for providing financial assistance to the voluntary Buddhist and Tibetan Organisations for Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Art.

(b) Under this scheme, the financial assistance is provided to the voluntary Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and Tradition, located in any part of the country. The funds are provided to the organization for (i) Maintenance (Salary of Staff, Off. Exp/Misc. exp), (ii) Research Project on promotion of Buddhist/ Tibetan Art and Culture, (iii) Purchase of books, documentation and cataloguing relating to Buddhism, (iv) Award of scholarships to monk/nunnery students, (v) Holding of special courses on promotion of Buddhist/Tibetan Art and Culture, (vi) Audio-Visual Recording/Documentation/Archiving of the traditional materials for preservation and dissemination of Buddhist Art and Culture, (vii) IT upgradation and IT-enabled Teaching/Training aids for monastic/nunnery schools, (viii) Transport facilities for monastic/nunnery schools and monasteries located in remote areas, (ix) Salary of teachers where organization is running a school imparting monastic/ nunnery education, (x) Repairs, restoration, renovation of ancient monasteries and Heritage Buildings associated with Buddhism, (xi) Construction/Repairs/Extension with toilet and drinking water for Class Rooms, School Buildings, Hostels and Training Centres which are focused on Buddhist/Tibetan Art and Culture as well as skill development of traditional craft for monastic/nunnery school. The details of funds allocated under this scheme and the no. of voluntary Buddhist/Tibetan Organisations including monasteries to which financial assistance were provided during the last three years are as under: