

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 965
ANSWERED ON- 10/02/2022

PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS FROM POLLUTION

965 # SHRI RAM CHANDER JANGRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any mechanism has been there in practice to assess the damage caused by pollution to National monuments, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the measures being adopted to protect monuments from damage caused by pollution; and
- (c) whether any agreement has been made with any private company to preserve the beauty of monuments and history related to them, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Specific mechanism has been in practice at select monuments to assess the damage caused by pollution. Science Branch of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly monitors the level of pollutants along with other physical parameters in the vicinity of select national monuments.
- (b) ASI adopts various conservation and preservation methodologies to protect the monuments from damages caused by pollution, such as Clay pack, Paper pulp and Hydrophobic treatments.
- (c) No, Sir.
