

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES FOR CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the existing facilities are adequate for proper conservation of heritage (monuments) sites in the country, both in terms of budgetary allocation and trained manpower;
- (b) if so, whether the Government are taking steps to create an effective synergy between the Government, voluntary organisations and people who are to be suitably sensitised; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Now that the budgetary allocation has been increased during the last two years, and three more Circles made functional during this year, the existing facilities for proper conservation of heritage have improved.
- (b) & (c) The Government have taken several measures to create an effective synergy between the Government, voluntary organizations and people and suitably sensitize them. Measures taken include publicity and cultural awareness programmes, observance of World Heritage Day, etc. Government have also set up the National Culture Fund to invite participation from the private sector, voluntary organizations and people in the task of promotion and preservation of Indian culture. 100% tax rebate is admissible on donations made to this Fund.