

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INDIA GATE

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India Gate has been included in the list of protected monuments;
- (b) if so, the name of the agencies which are taking care of this historical structure;
- (c) the steps being taken for the protection and maintenance of the structure;
- (d) since when the plan for construction of sub-way at India Gate is pending with the Government alongwith the reasons for delay in sanctioning the plan;
- (e) the steps taken for construction of adequate number of pedestrian subways in Delhi keeping in view the safety of Pedestrians;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to revive and beautify the Rajpath, President Estates, Chandni Chowk, Connaught Place in Delhi;
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the revival and beautification work is likely to be taken up and completed;
- (h) whether the Union Government has identified any other place in Delhi for the purpose; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD)

- (a): The Archaeological Survey of India has informed that India Gate has not been included in the list of protected monuments under its care.
- (b)&(c): The main structure of India Gate is under the maintenance of Central Public Works Department and regular maintenance is done to keep it in pristine condition.
- (d): The NDMC has reported that the construction of sub-way at India Gate is part of the proposed redevelopment of the Central Vista Area, which is at the conceptual stage.
- (e): The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the NDMC have informed that pedestrian sub-ways have been constructed at various places in Delhi under their respective jurisdiction.
- (f)to(i): The CPWD has informed that President Estates and Vijay Chowk is under their maintenance. While the maintenance of Rashtrapati Bhavan is carried out satisfactorily, the CPWD has prepared a proposal to beautify the fountains and pathways along Rajpath and upgrade toilets at Vijay Chowk. With regard to the beautification of Chandni Chowk, the MCD has informed that M/s Central Road Research Institute (CRRl) have been approved as consultants for preparation of the development plan of Chandni Chowk. With regard to Connaught Place, NDMC has prepared a redevelopment proposal to carry out improvements with regard to pedestrianisation, parking, landscaping, walkways, public conveniences etc. However, these proposals are at a preliminary stage and specific time frame have not been finalised.