

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1163

ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005

DEMOLITION /REDUCTION OF HEIGHT OF POLICE MEMORIAL

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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Urban Arts Commission has suggested for demolition or reduction of the height of Police Memorial under construction at Chanakyapuri, New Delhi;

(b) whether any review of the Memorial has been ordered by the Delhi High Court;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government in this matter;

(d) whether aesthetic, environmental and architectural aspects of the structure will be considered by the Government before taking any decision in the matter; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) has informed that in compliance with the directions dated 23.8.2005 of the Hon`ble High Court of Delhi, DUAC has reviewed the proposal of National Police Memorial in its meeting held on 17.10.2005 and recommended lowering the height of the Police Memorial below the height of trees within or in the immediate vicinity of the site for maintaining the grandeur and perspective of Shanti Path.

(c)to(e): The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has informed that these aspects were taken into consideration during formulation of the initial proposal which was also duly approved by the local body and Delhi Urban Art Commission. CPWD has further stated that keeping in view the order of the Hon`ble Court and in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs on whose behalf the project was executed, if need be, a revised proposal will be submitted to the DUAC after taking into account the aesthetic environmental and architectural aspects of the structure.