

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CRACK IN WORLD HERITAGE CHURCH IN SARDANA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any cracks has been noticed by the authorities in the world heritage church in Sardana near Meerut (UP) after the recent earthquake in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the northern region of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken for its repairing ?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. The catholic church in Sardana near Meerut (UP) and three monuments in Jammu and Kashmir have been affected by the recent earthquake.
- (b) In the church at Sardana some minor cracks have been noticed in the minar and wall. In Jammu & Kashmir three monuments in district Baramulla namely Shiva temple at Fatehgarh, Detha mandir and Shiva temple at Buniyar have been affected.
- (c) The essential repair work for church in Sardana is in progress. For monuments affected in Jammu & Kashmir the estimates for repair are under preparation.