

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTED HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many protected historical monuments in Delhi are in dilapidated condition as reported in the Hindi daily Dainik Jagaran dated September 27, 2005;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the maintenance of protected historical monuments in Delhi during each of the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government for proper maintenance of important historical monuments?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) The centrally protected monuments in Delhi including the Red Fort, Safdarjung tomb, Purana Qila and Jantar Mantar, mentioned in the Hindi daily Dainik Jagran dated 27.09.2005 are maintained as per archaeological norms and none of the protected monuments is in dilapidated condition.

(c) Details of expenditure incurred for conservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments in Delhi during the last three years is as below :

2002-03 : Rs.8,88,13,896

2003-04 : Rs.9,90,61,930

2004-05 : Rs.8,00,00,000

(d) During 2005-06; in 42 important protected monuments structural repairs of a special nature have been taken up and the works are in progress. Rs.8.00 crore is allocated for conservation and day to day maintenance. Conservation of monuments is a continuous process and is carried out as per the need of the monument and resources available.