

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1320
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MAINTENANCE OF GOLCONDA FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the damage being caused to the historic Golconda Fort located in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh by the film crews using the premises of the fort for shooting of films as reported in the Deccan Chronicle, dated September 27, 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantum of amount earned annually by the ASI from that Fort;
- (d) the amount spent annually on the maintenance of the monument; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect and maintain this Fort?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

- (a)&(b) No damage has been caused to the historic Golconda fort due to film shooting as reported in the Deccan Chronicle dated 27.9.2006. However, during filming operation, a foot light, which was erected by the Andhra Pradesh Tourism, has been damaged.
- (c) The amount earned annually from the Golconda fort for the last two years is as under:

Year Amount

2004-05 Rs. 52,62,790
2005-06 Rs. 56,44,530

- (d) The amount spent annually on the maintenance of the monument during the last two years is as under:

Year Amount

2004-05 Rs. 49,67,422
2005-06 Rs. 31,99,365

- (e) For the protection and maintenance of Golconda Fort, 20 regular watch and ward staff have been engaged. In addition, 17 private security guards have been employed for enhancement of security.

Structural conservation work is being taken up on a continuous basis. Some of the important works taken up recently are conservation of Nagina Bagh, structural repairs to Rani Mahal, Camel Stable and Naya Quila. For environmental development, horticulture activity is also taken up in the monument. Continuous assessment of the state of preservation is taken up in order to facilitate required measures for structural conservation, chemical preservation, etc.