

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RESTORATION OF PRAMBANAN TEMPLE COMPLEX
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indonesian Government has sought assistance to restore Prambanan Temple Complex;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken so far by ASI in this regard;
- (d) whether ASI has earlier worked for other foreign countries;
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and
- (f) the details of terms and conditions of ASI for such overseas assignments?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): An earthquake of 5.9 Richter scale magnitude, which struck the southern coast of central Java island of Indonesia and having epicenter close to the city of Yogyakarta, caused extensive damage to the Prambanan Temple Complex. Government of India conveyed its willingness to the Government of Republic of Indonesia to send a team from the Archaeological Survey of India to assist with repair / reconstruction of the temples at Prambanan, which was appreciated by the Government of Indonesia. Accordingly, a two member team of ASI visited Indonesia from 19th – 23rd September, 2006 and has presented its report containing recommendations.

(d): Archaeological Survey of India has participated in conservation activities in Afghanistan and Cambodia.

(e): The Project of Conservation and Restoration of Ta Prohm Temple Complex in Siem Reap in Cambodia is in progress since January, 2004 with the collaboration of Royal Government of Cambodia under the ITEC programme of Ministry of External Affairs.

(f): There are no fixed terms and conditions of ASI for the overseas assignments. These are laid down while entering into an agreement with the respective country.