

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EAST INDIA COMPANY AND MUGHAL DOCUMENTS IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether historic documents of East India Company and Mughal regime preserved in National Archives are in bad shape and will crumble if touched; and

(b) if so, steps being taken to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) No, Sir

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above. However, National Archives of India takes periodic measures to fumigate the documents. Roof leakage problems have been addressed and a detailed preservation plan drawn up for implementation over the next five year period.