

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ILLUMINATION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in view of the Commonwealth games, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has decided to illuminate and renovate historical monuments across the capital;
- (b) if so, the number of monuments which have been identified for this purpose;
- (c) the number of monuments on the Heritage list of UNESCO;
- (d) the revenue/foreign exchange earned from these monuments;
- (e) the time by which the work is likely to be completed; and
- (f) the expenditure incurred on this work?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has identified 46 centrally protected monuments in Delhi for repairs, upgradation, illumination, provision of amenities, environment development, etc. in view of the Commonwealth Games.

(c)&(d) There are 21 monuments on the World Heritage List in India. Of this, Qutb Minar and Humayun`s Tomb are in Delhi. In the year 2006-07, the revenue/foreign exchange earned from these monuments are as below:-

Qutb Minar Humayun`s Tomb

Indian currency Rs.4,61,35,033 Rs.2,76,83,930
US \$ 9,10,080 3,06,588

(e)&(f) The estimated requirement of funds for carrying out the repairs, upgradation, illumination, etc. as stated above is Rs.23.39 crores. If the funds are made available, the work is expected to be completed by March, 2010.