

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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KHAJURAHO TEMPLES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the aircraft flying low over the ancient temples of Khajuraho are causing damages to these world heritage monuments as reported in "The Times of India" dated April 15, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or being taken by the Union Government to protect these world heritage monuments from vibration of airlines?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a)& (b) There were apprehensions that vibration caused by the low flying aircrafts may adversely affect the historic temples of Khajuraho. This was taken up with the airlines and also the Airport Authority of India.

(c) The Airport Authority of India has initiated corrective measures like changes in landing and departure procedures, and various amendments in the Air Traffic Control (ATC) procedures which would minimize the possibility of aircraft flying over these monuments.