

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1195
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

MOUs WITH MONUMENT MITRAS

1195. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government undertook a study of the Red Fort to determine the timeline for installation, implementation and commissioning of various activities, as specified in Annexure-II of the MoU with Dalmia Bharat Limited, dated 13th April, 2018;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to amend the said MoU and other MoUs with Monument Mitras to ensure that professionals and experts in the field of conservation of heritage sites, with proven track records, are made members of the Oversight and Vision Committee; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (c): Under the “Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan - Adopt a Heritage Project”, the Monument Mitras submit their Vision Bid after performing need-gap analysis in consultation with the Asset Owner. Thereafter, the Oversight & Vision Committee deliberates on the Vision Bid and provides approval on timelines of various activities.

(d) & (e): Under the “Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchaan - Adopt a Heritage Project”, the Monument Mitras are responsible for development, operation & maintenance (O&M) of tourist amenities at heritage sites. Conservation of heritage sites is not a part of this project. The amenities are approved by the Oversight & Vision Committee (O&VC), which has members from Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Culture, ASI and also representatives from other Ministries/departments who can be co-opted as and when required for consultation.
