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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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INDIAN HELP FOR PRESERVING HERITAGE IN AFGHANISTAN

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether India propose to help Afghanistan to preserve its heritage structures and reconstruct museums; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)-(c) Government of India is committed to offer reconstruction assistance to the Interim Administration of Afghanistan. During the visit of H.E. Hamid Karzai to India on 26-27 February, 2002 several areas of bilateral cooperation were identified, including in the field of preservation of heritage structures and museums.