

**SUBJECT:-RESTORATION WORK OF CORJUEM FORT**  
**UNSTARRED LAQ NO.042**  
**TABLED BY SHRI CARLOS FERREIRA**  
**TO BE ANSWERED IN 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025**

<b>QUESTION</b>	<b>ANSWER</b>
<p>* Will the Minister for Archaeology be pleased to state:</p> <p>(a) Whether the contractor did not foresee of had failed to make arrangements for procuring the stones necessary for the restoration of Corjuem Fort;</p> <p>(b) Whether the Government while accessing the tender failed to consider the projections made by the contractor in this regard;</p>	<p>By Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai Minister For Archaeology</p> <p>As per the tender specification, the restoration of fort walls required laterite stones of size of 50cm x 30cm x 17cm in line with the 17<sup>th</sup> century work. However, stone sizes of 34cm x 25cm x 16 cm only were available in the market which was used for normal building construction works. The contractor conveyed to the Department of Archaeology the difficulty in procuring stones at that period of time due to a unavailability of specific size (50cm x 30cm x 17cm) of laterite stones in the State of Goa or neighbouring areas of Maharashtra State such as kankavali, kudal etc.</p> <p>As on date, the restoration work is almost 90 % complete inside the fort and only allied civil works outside the fort is pending.</p> <p>Sir, No. The Government while accessing the tender has not failed to consider the projections made by the contractor in this regard. The Department has tendered the work as per the specification provided by the Consultant and technical sanction issued by Public Works Department after scrutinizing the estimates for this project. The restoration/ conservation works of the Archeological Monuments are specialized ones which includes</p>

construction/ repairs using historical techniques and procurement of ancient materials such as lime mortar, big size laterite stones for construction of fort walls and bastions etc to match the original constructions.

- (C) Furnish specific details of the works not done/ not completed/left incomplete by the contractor in terms of the tender awarded; and
- Sir, till date 85% of core fort restoration work is complete. The beautification work which includes pathways, parking, toilet facilities, reception counter and amphitheatre outside the fort premise will be taken up and completed next by the contractor in terms of the tender awarded.
- (d) Whether the extension being granted is taken/has taken into consideration the actual possibility of the contractor completing the work?
- Sir, the contractor is granted extension till 31/03/2025.the work completion will need further extension in terms of the work completed on site.