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The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms has issued a clarification on a report in some sections of the Media about the renovation works taken up at Raj Bhavan.

In a clarification issued here on Friday, the Principal Secretary to Government in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms Dr E. V. Ramana Reddy has said, " There is a report in some section of the Media that lavish expenditure has been made for renovation works at Raj Bhavan. A news channel has gone a step ahead by describing that the works were taken up at the instance of the Hon'ble Governor."

" The Raj Bhavan, which has a history of two-centuries, is a heritage building. It is visited by Heads of States and Heads of Governments – both from India and abroad. The Public Works Department, takes care of both maintenance of the building as well as the surroundings of the Raj Bhavan, keeping in view of not merely the dignity of the Office of the Hon'ble Governor, but also to respect it's high-profile visitors. The building maintenance or renovation, which is taken up once in three or five years, is a routine exercise."

" In fact, for the renovation works at Raj Bhavan, the ball was set in motion, earlier to the assumption of office by the incumbent Governor. The renovation works were planned before the present Governor had taken charge and were only executed during the tenure of the present Governor. The Hon'ble Governor Shri Vajubhai Vala had not demanded for any renovation works at Raj Bhavan."

" The charges made against Hon'ble Governor in the news story about the renovation works taken up in Raj Bhavan are not only false, but also baseless. " he added.
