

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4212  
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MONUMENTS TO PRIVATE PARTIES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of monuments maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country, State-wise;
- (b) whether it is not possible for ASI to maintain these monuments properly due to financial crunch;
- (c) if so, whether it is proposed to hand over select monuments to private parties for their maintenance;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India maintain 3602 monuments and Forts. The State-wise list is given in Annexure.
- (b) Maintenance of the Centrally protected monuments are carried out as per their actual need from the resources made available to the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d)&(e) Question does not arise.