

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ENCROACHMENT NEAR MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any survey about the total number of monuments under the jurisdiction of ASI and the total area under these monuments has been conducted;
- (b) whether some of the monuments are under encroachment;
- (c) if so, total area under encroachment both with private and Governmental Agencies;
- (d) the steps being taken to get these encroachments removed;
- (e) the number of monuments and total area freed from encroachment;
- (f) whether security and preservation of monuments suffer in absence of statutory legal powers for Department of Archaeology even after 20 years of its existence; and
- (g) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) to (g) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.