

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

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

- (a) whether any survey has been conducted recently regarding encroachment on ASI land near historical monuments / sites in Delhi and other States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to clear the monuments from such encroachments?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India has conducted joint survey with the revenue authorities to the south-west of Qutb Minar area in Delhi. Survey of the protected area of the centrally protected monuments is taken up as and when necessary.

(c) Encroachments are removed from the protected area with the help of district authorities and local bodies and appropriate legal action is taken wherever necessary.