

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

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UPGRADATION OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have identified certain centrally protected monuments across the country for upgradation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, particularly in Maharashtra;
- (c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to make these monuments permanent tourist attractions for Indian as well as foreign tourists; and
- (d) the details of visitor - friendly facilities proposed to be provided around the Ajanta and Ellora Caves and Elephanta caves in Maharashtra ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State-wise list of centrally protected monuments proposed for upgradation is given in Annexure.

(c) & (d) : The proposals include conservation and preservation of monuments, environmental upgradation, providing information centres, souvenir shops, cafeterias, car parking, toilets and improved signage.

The implementation of the proposals will depend upon the availability of funds.