

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3241
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MAINTENANCE OF GOLDEN FORT OF JAISALMER RAJASTHAN
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

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

- (a) whether existence of Jaisalmer Fort is in danger due to neglect and lack of proper maintenance of this unique complex of architectural World fame monument;
- (b) whether 6 labour died some time back due to collapse of its wall as a result of poor maintenance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the steps taken for proper repair and maintenance of this Heritage monument; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated for repair and maintenance of this monument and spent during the last three years and percentage progress achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) No Sir.

(b) & (c) :Six persons comprising of unauthorised stall owners and local people died as a result of the collapse of a portion of the fort wall in 1997. As per the administrative enquiry ordered by the District Collector, Jaisalmer the collapse of the wall was due to a combination of factors including the impact of time and nature on the fort wall.

(d) & (e) : The Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken measures to repair the portions of fortification which have breached.

The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and conservation of the Jaisalmer Fort during the last 3 years is as under :-

1997-98	Rs. 7,26,450.00
1998-99	Rs.14,94,389.00
1999-2000	Rs.18,00,827.00