

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

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

(a)

(b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has formulated any conservation programme for the protected monuments and heritage buildings in Gujarat; if so, the details thereof;

(c)

(d) whether any funds has been allocated for structural repairs/chemical conservation of these monuments during the last three years and current year; and ; if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b)

Conservation of protected monuments is a continuous process. Under the annual conservation programme, the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes conservation, preservation, environmental development and provision of tourist facilities in the centrally protected monuments in Gujarat subject to availability of budgetary provisions. In addition to the above, structural repairs of special nature are undertaken wherever required.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The details of funds allocated for structural repairs / chemical conservation in Gujarat during the last three years and the current year are as under :

| Sl.No. | Year | Amount allocated (Rs. in lakhs) |
|--------|---------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | 2003-04 | 200.22 |
| 2. | 2004-05 | 201.92 |
| 3. | 2005-06 | 235.85 |
| 4. | 2006-07 | 317.00 |