

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4118  
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006  
THREAT TO HISTORICAL HERITAGES  
Patil Smt. Rupatai Diliprao Nilangekar;Tripathi Shri Chandramani

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

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that mining work in some States of the country has posed a threat to the World famous historical heritages;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to stop mining work at such places?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Mining operations have been reported near some of the protected monuments, the details of which are at Annexure.
- (c) The district authorities, civic agencies and the State police have been requested to intervene in such cases, and show cause notices have been issued, under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules 1959.

ANNEXURE.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4118 FOR 18.5.2006

The details pertaining to mining work that has posed a threat to the centrally protected monuments

S.No. Name of Monument Details of the threat posed to centrally protected monuments

1. Sculptures of various Hindu deities carved on boulders of Kauvadol hill at Kuri Sarai in Gaya Distt of Bihar Threat due to mining operation carried out by local people
2. Garhi Padaoli and Group of temples Batesar District Morena Mining of stone in the prohibited area
3. Megalithic sites, Kulathur Taluk, Pukukkottai District Unauthorized mining works reported in the regulated areas.