

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:5
ANSWERED ON:15.11.2007
RENOVATION OF ANCIENT FORTS AND TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many ancient forts and temples in various States are in a dilapidated condition and require renovation; if so,
- (b) whether the Union Government has drawn up any special schemes in this regard, particularly in respect of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (c) the details of the funds allocated in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 5 FOR 15.11.2007 REGARDING RENOVATION OF ANCIENT FORTS AND TEMPLES

(a) & (b) There are a large number of monuments, forts and temples in the country, out of which 3667 have been declared as of national importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and 3404 are under protection of State Governments. Conservation of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. Under the Annual Conservation Programme, the ASI takes up conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development of monuments of national importance as per requirements on site and depending on the availability of resources. No special scheme has been drawn up by ASI for this purpose for any particular State.

(c) ASI has 24 circle offices and two branch offices located in different States throughout India for conservation of protected monuments. The circle/branch wise allocation of funds for the year 2007-08 for structural conservation, preservation and environmental development are at Annexure.