

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC MONUMENT KAPPE ARABETTEDA SHASANA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware of the Kappe Arabetteda Shasana dating back to 5th and 6th Century which was very well expressed by Hiueh Sangh of China regarding prosperity of Chalukyas including 2nd pulakesni at Badami is not protected, hence on the verge of destruction;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to preserve and protect the monument?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The Kappe Arabetteda Inscription at Badami lies within the protected area of Bhutanatha Group of Temples which are declared protected as of national importance vide Notification No. 6305 dated 10.01.1930. The Archaeological Survey of India is undertaking regular conservation and maintenance of these monuments besides developing and landscaping the surroundings. The following expenditure has been incurred on these monuments:

2003-04 Rs. 7,51,639/-

2004-05 Rs. 6,55,897/-

2005-06 Rs. 76,344/-

2006-07 Rs. 95,182/-