

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has identified the decaying monuments all over the country;
- (b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to protect these monuments?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) There are 3667 monuments that are centrally protected and preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and 3573 monuments under State protection. A National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities has been set up, to among other things, create a comprehensive data base of monuments in the country. Owing to their antiquity, monuments do suffer from decay and require periodical conservation / restoration. Yearly conservation programmes for structural repairs, chemical preservation and horticulture operations are drawn up by 24 Circles and Science and Horticulture Branches of ASI as per the needs of the monuments and availability of resources. Funds are allotted to the Circles and Branches for implementation of the yearly conservation programme. Details of works approved and the allotment of funds during the current financial year 2007-08 is at Annexure.