GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:288
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MONUMENTS UNDER ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of monuments being protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the amount spent by the Government on such monuments during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to develop the above mentioned spots;
- (d) whether certain monuments are in a dilapidated condition and are on the verge of collapse;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government for the protection of such monuments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 FOR 18.12.2008

- (a) The State-wise details of centrally protected monuments of national importance under the Archaeological Survey of India are at Annexure- I.
- (b) The amount spent for conservation, preservation and environmental development of the centrally protected monuments during the last three years is as follows:
- Sl.No. Year Expenditure (Rs. in lakhs)
- 1. 2005-06 10195.00
- 2. 2006-07 10816.89
- 3. 2007-08 12886.19
- 4. 2008-09 8036.55(till Nov. 2008)
- (c) to (f) The ASI protects and maintains 3675 notified monuments/sites that have been declared as of national importance and these are in a good state of preservation. 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 depending upon the need of the monuments and subject to the availability of resources.