

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES BURIED UNDER CONSTRUCTION /CULTIVATION

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many archaeological sites are buried and losing out under construction and cultivation due to growing population and development activities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether any survey is being conducted before taking up any development project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) There are instances of encroachments at 249 of centrally protected sites and archaeological remains. A State-wise list of such monuments, sites and archaeological remains which are reported to be encroached is at Annexure.

(c) to (e) No development project etc. can be undertaken in the prohibited(100 metres) and regulated areas (200 metres) of the protected monuments and sites except as per permission that may be granted under the relevant provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (including the rules made thereunder), and Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010.