

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MONUMENTS AND ARTIFACTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the monuments and artifacts of archaeological importance are not being maintained properly as a result of which the condition of the said monuments is worsening and artifacts are being stolen;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the total number of archaeological monuments surveyed and artifacts stolen during the last three years and the current year
- (d) the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the outcome of the said action?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) No, Sir. All the monuments and artifacts under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are being maintained properly and are in a good state of preservation.
- (c) Nine cases of thefts (14 sculptures) have been reported from different States, during the last three years.
- (d)&(e) F.I.Rs. have been lodged against all the theft cases. However, there has not been any recovery, as yet.