

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DESTRUCTION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the report of Global Heritage Fund has stated that more than 200 cultural heritages of developing countries would be destroyed or would be subjected to irreparable loss;
- (b) if so, the details of such cultural heritages relating to India alongwith their location, circle-wise;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to sustain and protect such endangered cultural heritages; and
- (d) the progress and the details of action taken in this regard so far?

**Answer**

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(a)&(b) The Global Heritage Fund, a US based private organization, has prepared a list of cultural heritage sites of developing countries and displayed on their web site, incorporating arbitrarily some protected monuments/sites of Archaeological Survey of India also and showing them at risk which is not true. The circle-wise location of these so-called 'sites at risk' is given in Annexure.

(c)to(d)The protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India are in good state of preservation and not in any danger or risk. The conservation work at these sites is a continuous on-going process and attended regularly depending upon the availability of resources and need of repairs at different sites.