

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO HISTORICAL TOMB
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are reports of damage having been caused to a tomb in Delhi dating back to Sher Shah's period due to digging work by the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the ASI to protect and restore the said monument from further damage?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE(KUMARI SELJA)

(a)to(c) No,Sir.No damage has been caused to any of the monuments declared protected as monument of national importance in Delhi. However, the Metro Rail Authorities, while initiating construction works of parking for the High Court of Delhi, observed a mutilated/dilapidated ancient tomb standing aside the Sher Shah Road, in a fractured and dilapidated state. The Metro Rail Authorities requested the Archaeological Survey of India through the Department of Archaeology, Government of NCT of Delhi to conserve and preserve the structure. Accordingly, proposal has been approved and an amount of Rs.50 lakhs has been released by the Metro Rail Authorities. The conservation will be taken up as soon as the area is fully vacated by the Metro Rail Authorities.