

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF ANCIENT CAVES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any ancient cave belonging to the Satvahan Period in Chandrapur, Maharashtra that has remained neglected over the years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government/ Archaeological Survey of India for the conservation and maintenance of the said caves?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) to (c) One cave, namely Pandavlena cave at Bhandak in Chandrapur district is a protected monument of ASI which is later than the Satavahana period. The conservation work at the said cave is attended regularly depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources and it is in a good state of preservation.