

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON FORTS IN PUNE
Kalmadi Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether survey has been conducted of the Forts in and around Pune which are of historical importance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether most of these Forts are in a dilapidated condition and are in urgent need of repairs and further maintenance;
- (d) if so, whether Archaeology Survey of India could take over these Forts and ensure proper upkeep and maintenance; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Based upon an earlier survey, the following Forts have been declared as of national importance in and around Pune by the Central Government.

1. Fort of Shivaneri, Junnar
2. Lohgad Fort, Junnar
3. Rajmachi Fort, Rajmachi
4. Fort, Visapur
5. Old Citadel known as Shaniwarwada, Pune

In addition, following forts in Pune are under the protection of State Government of Maharashtra:

1. Toran Kila, Weleh
2. Rajgarh, Ganjwade
3. Singhgarh, Donza
4. Koyarigarh, Ambwade

(c) to (e) No, Sir. The Forts declared as of national importance are protected by the Archaeological Survey of India and are in good state of preservation. They are conserved, preserved, and maintained regularly on need basis and as per the archaeological norms.