

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the maintenance of ancient temples and monuments in Odisha is being affected due to inadequate staff at ASI office at Bhubaneswar;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is likely to strengthen such offices by increasing their staff strength and the details thereof ; and
- (c) if not, the manner in which the Government proposes to protect and maintain these temples and monuments?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) No, Sir. The maintenance of Centrally protected Monuments in the country, including Odisha, by the Archaeological Survey of India is mandated by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 as amended by the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010.

All necessary steps are taken so that maintenance is not affected due to shortage of staff, when recruitment and promotions take long periods.