

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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THREAT TO AJANTA CAVES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) the World Heritage Site, Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra are under conservation threat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to protect the said World Heritage Site?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir. The World Heritage Site of Ajanta Caves in Maharashtra is in a good state of preservation.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. The routine maintenance work at the Ajanta Caves is attended regularly whereas special repairs works are executed depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources.