

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3215  
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CONDITION OF LONAR SAROVAR  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Lonar Sarovar site in the State of Maharashtra is in a dilapidated state;
- (b) if so, whether the Archaeological Survey of India ( ASI) has formulated any action plan/scheme for proper maintenance of the said site to attract more tourists;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received any financial request from the State Government of Maharashtra for renovation and maintenance of the said site; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to(c) Lonar Sarovar site is not a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, some monuments on the periphery of the Lonar Lake are protected by ASI for which conservation work is attended to regularly depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources and they are in a good state of preservation.
- (d) & (e) No such specific request has been received from Government of Maharashtra.