

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SECURITY ARRANGEMENT AT MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to provide security to temples and monuments in the country, State-wise and UT-wise including Jharkhand;
- (b) the details of work undertaken to provide various facilities to the visitors of temples during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the amount spent thereon during the above period?

Answer

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

(a) The available strength of regular watch & ward staff of centrally protected monuments/sites including temples under the Archaeological Survey of India has been augmented by way of deploying State Armed Police Guards, Home Guards, Central Industrial Security Force (at Taj Mahal, Agra & Red Fort, Delhi) and trained private security guards. Employees on muster roll are also assigned with vigil work at respective monuments/sites.

State/UT/Circle-wise strength of security related personnel including Jharkhand is at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) In addition to conservation, preservation, maintenance and development of environs in and around centrally protected monuments including temples, Archaeological Survey of India also provides visitors' facilities like toilets, drinking water, ramp for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/ signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc., as per need, availability of resources and feasibility. The details of the amounts spent on all the above during the last three years are at Annexure-II.