

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a massive shortage of staff across categories of archaeologists, monument attendants, care-takers and security personnel in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of sites for which conservations have been outsourced, State-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which outsourcing has been useful in the country?

Answer

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

- (a)&(b) No, Sir. There is no massive shortage of staff, except for monument attendants. To cope with the situation, one thousand monument attendants are being engaged from ex-defense servicemen. Besides, Central Industrial Security Force (for Red Fort and Taj Mahal only), armed police, home guards and private security guards are engaged for watch and ward duty of monuments under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The State-wise details including Maharashtra are given in annexure.
- (c) No site conservation has been outsourced.
- (d) Question does not arise.