

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1041  
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UNPROTECTED HERITAGE SITES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of unprotected heritage sites are subjected to large scale destruction;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to preserve these heritage?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) &(b) Unprotected heritage sites are vulnerable to destruction due to various factors including urbanization and commercialization around them.

(c) No central legislation currently exists for conservation and protection of unprotected heritage. There is a central scheme of providing part financial assistance for preservation of unprotected monuments. Local bodies can take up preservation of such monuments and avail assistance from the scheme.