

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSOURCING CONSERVATION PROTECTION TO PRIVATE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of protected monuments / historical places / religious places handed over to private sector for maintenance / conservation by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) State-wise / Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has received proposals from some State Governments for maintenance / conservation / protection of historical places / ancient buildings / monuments in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise / UT-wise; and

(d) the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) No protected monument of Archaeological Survey India (ASI) has been handed over to private sector for maintenance /conservation.

(b) (c) &(d) Yes Sir. Some requests have been received from different State Governments to take up the conservation works of monuments on deposit works basis. The details are at Annexure-I.Appropriate conservation works at these monuments have been taken up by the ASI.