

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROTECTION OF NATIONAL HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the National Heritage Sites under protection /conservation by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Punjab;
- (b) whether adequate funds have been provided for their maintenance;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the present status of the preservation and conservation with special reference to Baba Farid Quila and Jaitu Jail in Faridkot District and Ucha-Pind-Sangoul District, Fatehgarh Sahib;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Punjab for declaring Faridkot and Jaitu as tourism destination; and
- (e) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The details of protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Punjab are given in annexure.
- (b) & (c) Sufficient funds have been provided for conservation and maintenance of protected monuments in Punjab including two Stupas at Ucha-Pind-Sangoul and they are in a good state of preservation. Baba Farid Quila and Jaitu Jail are not under protection of ASI. The allocation of funds for Punjab for current financial year is Rs.246.97 lacs.
- (d) & (e) No such proposal has been received. Question does not arise.