

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of works undertaken by the Union Government for providing facilities/amenities to the tourists visiting temples and monuments during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the expenditure incurred during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is an urgent need for repair, revival and development of several archaeological monuments and temples situated in the various parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Union Government/ Archaeological Survey of India in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) &(b) The works undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India for tourists visiting temples and monuments which have been declared of national importance in the country include facilities/amenities for tourists. During the current year thirty nine monuments have been identified for providing new facilities and thirteen for upgradation of the existing facilities. The State-wise expenditure incurred on such activities during the last three years and allocation during the current year is at Annexure-I.
- (c) The conservation of the ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains, is a continuous process and every year monuments and sites are identified for undertaking repairs, conservation/restoration and development depending upon the needs and availability of the infrastructure and funds allocated.
- (d) Details of expenditure for conservation of monuments and providing facilities/amenities for the last three years and allocation for the current financial year 2012-13 are at Annexure-I.