

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:31  
ANSWERED ON:26.02.2013  
ANCIENT HISTORICAL MONUMENTS  
Singh Shri Ratan;Tudu Shri Laxman

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether a large number of ancient/ historical monuments in the country are in dilapidated conditions;
- (b) if so, the details of such monuments, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the monuments in which works were undertaken by the Government for their maintenance, restoration and preservation including the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on each of these monuments during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any international assistance for the purpose and if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for maintenance, restoration and preservation of all ancient/historical monuments in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 31 FOR 26.02.2013.

- (a) &(b) No Madam. The protected monuments of ASI are in a good state of preservation.

(c) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. It is attended regularly depending upon the need of repairs at particular site and availability of resources. The details of funds allocated /utilised for conservation works during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise are given in Annexure-I.

(d) A loan has been availed from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the conservation of Ajanta and Ellora Caves and a few other monuments at Aurangabad in Maharashtra. World Monument Fund has provided a grant for the conservation of Jaisalmer Fort in Rajasthan and Krishna Temple Complex at Hampi in Karnataka. The details are given in Annexure-II.

(e) The conservation, preservation and environmental development work of protected monuments is attended to regularly by Archaeological Survey of India as per need and priority.