

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1243  
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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF FORT IN RAJASTHAN  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revive Jaisalmer based Fort in Rajasthan keeping in view the dilapidated condition of the fort and has made efforts for the preservation of the said fort through the Centrally sponsored schemes including those by the UNESCO, so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a threat is still looming over the above fort due to sewerage and drainage leakage and the State Government concerned and other agencies have been informed about it by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to constitute any authority to conserve the said fort;
- (e) if so, the status of progress made therein; and
- (f) the number of historical monuments declared as protected by the ASI and the budgetary amount sanctioned for their conservation during the current financial year along with the number of proposals pending for clearance, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The conservation work of Jaisalmer fort in Rajasthan is attended regularly from the (resources) available with Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and also by funds available under National Culture Fund (NCF). The conservation works taken up include repairs to lower fortification wall and to a few bastions at upper fortification wall.

(c) The State Government has been informed about such threats. To address the sewerage and drainage problems of the fort, the State Government has taken up the essential work through Rajasthan Urban Sector Development Investment Programme (RUSDIP).

(d) & (e) Conservation work of protected monuments in Rajasthan including Jaisalmer Fort is looked after by the Jaipur Circle of the ASI. In addition the State Government of Rajasthan has constituted an 'Empowered Authority' under the Chairmanship of District Collector, Jaisalmer to advise on various matters related to overall preservation of Jaisalmer Fort.

(f) There are 3678 protected monuments of the ASI. The total allocation for conservation of monuments of ASI for the current financial year is Rs.147.84 crores. The details of State-wise proposals under consideration for declaration as protected monument are given in Annexure.