

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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REVIVAL OF LOST GLORY OF TOMBS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has initiated steps to revive the lost glory of many tombs in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that a decade long vandalism and neglect have damaged many monuments in the country ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government/ASI in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

(a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for the conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments including tombs. Tombs are burial places having single or more graves. The conservation, preservation or maintenance of these tombs is a regular process carried out as per the need and availability of resources. A list of protected monuments (tombs) is placed as Annexure.

(c)to(e) No ASI protected monument has been damaged due to vandalism.