

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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VISIT OF ASI TEAM ABROAD
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether team of experts from the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) visited many sites in various countries for conducting archaeological studies and preservation of monuments of Indian importance; .
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the expenditure incurred on such visits during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (c) the response received from the said countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. The teams of experts from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have visited Cambodia, Lao PDR, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal and Bangladesh in the last three years in connection with conservation and restoration of monuments. The details on the expenditure incurred in the last three years and the current year, country-wise are at Annexure.

(c) Positive response has been received from the respective countries for the conservation and restoration works at Ta Prohm temple in Cambodia, Vat Phou temple in Lao PDR, Ananda temple in Myanmar and Thiruketheeswaram temple at Mannar in Sri Lanka where the work has been started by the team of experts from ASI and are in progress.