

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:205
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2013
DISAPPEARANCE OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several historical monuments and sites in the country have disappeared due to changing weather conditions and urbanization/commercialisation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is shortage of funds with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to revive and maintain these monuments/sites;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the funds earmarked/released and utilised for the purpose during each of last three years and the current year, State/UT- wise; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for the revival and protection of these monuments?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 205 FOR 12.3. 2013.

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Some monuments have been reported to be untraceable due to urbanization, commercialization and changing climatic and geographical conditions. Details of such monuments are placed at Annexure.

(c) to (e) Adequate funds are allotted to the ASI for conservation and preservation of monuments under its protection. Efforts are made to locate/identify untraceable monuments, through old records, revenue maps, published material etc. and this is an ongoing process.