

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2372
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CONDITION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the major tourist centres in Odisha where Buddhism has germinated, are in poor condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to maintain/keep such monuments clean in order to attract domestic and foreign tourists, to improve the economy of this region;
- (c) the details of complaints received by the Government/ASI from the tourists and others regarding dirty/ poor condition of historical monuments and other protected sites; and
- (d) the action/steps taken on each of the complaints during each of the last three years and the current year, monument and State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) No, Madam. The centrally protected monuments/sites are in a good state of preservation.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) As and when such complaints are received regarding centrally protected monuments immediate steps are taken to address the matter.