

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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UNPROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has made an assessment of the number of unprotected National Monuments in the country including Uttarakhand and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of unprotected monuments which are reported to be vandalised and defaced in the country, including Uttarakhand and Maharashtra, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether any unprotected monuments in the country including Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been identified by the Government/ASI for protection and conservation;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard, State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to restore and maintain the said unprotected so far in the country State/UT- wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam, National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) (2007-2012) was launched with the objective to prepare a National database on Built heritage and sites from secondary sources. The detail of unprotected monuments/sites including Uttarakhand and Maharashtra compiled by NMMA from secondary sources is at Annexure I.
- (c) There is no database on unprotected monuments reported to be vandalised and defaced in the country.
- (d) & (e) 25 proposals in the country including one from Uttarakhand have been identified for declaring as monuments of National Importance under Section 4 of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958. The details are at Annexure II
- (f) The Government proposes to enact a new legislation to establish a National Commission on Heritage sites, which shall, inter-alia, recommend to the Central Government and State Government on short and long-term policies in respect of conservation, protection and management of heritage sites.