

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3282
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CONSERVATION OF AGRA MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the conservation of the monument, known as "Battis Khamba", near Rambagh, at Agra;
- (b) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has any proposal to conserve the above monument;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the conservation work is likely to be carried out;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the protected monument of "Sat Kuian" (Seven Wells) in the North of Rambagh at Agra is on the verge of extinction;
- (f) if so, the measures taken by the ASI for its conservation; and
- (g) the details of missing protected monument within the Agra Circle of the ASI?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) The monument known as Battis Khamba is in good state of preservation. However, some of its structural components need repairs.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has taken up conservation works on the Battis Khamba, during the current financial year (2009-10) at an estimated cost of Rs.7,71,000/-.
- (c) The conservation works include removal of debris, underpinning in lakhauri bricks, providing and fixing of red sand stone Chaukhat, pointing with lime mortar etc.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) & (f) No, Sir. ASI has programmed to take up conservation of the monument known as Sat Kuian in the north of Ram Bagh during the current financial year (2009-10).
- (g) There are no such monuments in the Agra Circle of ASI.