

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NON- TRACEABLE MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of specific monuments which are non traceable, State-wise and location- wise;
- (b) the main factors responsible in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to rediscover/resurrect and protect these monuments;
- (d) the details of problems being faced by ASI in the matter;
- (e) whether some heritage sites/monuments are being damaged by a group of agitators;
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and UT-wise; and
- (g) the steps taken/proposed to be taken including recruitment of large number of attendants to protect the heritages/historical sites/monuments in the country?

Answer

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

- (a) There are 35 monuments/sites which are not traceable. The details (State-wise) are at Annexure.
- (b) The main causes for the disappearance of these monuments are pressure of urbanization, commercialization and development projects. Migration of population during the partition of the country may also have contributed to it.
- (c)&(d) A lot of effort has already been made by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to find out the exact location of these monuments/sites by conducting regular surveys/inspections as well as by interacting with various District authorities but so far no fruitful results have come.
- (e)& (f) No such untoward incident has been reported at any centrally protected monument. However, some agitators had ransacked the premises of Jantar mantar, recently.
- (g) ASI is having a shortage of monument attendants. This issue would be holistically addressed to at the time of restructuring of the ASI.