

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF CONSERVATION STAFF
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of caretaker, security personnel and other staff to safeguard various Archaeological monuments in the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the action taken in this regard so far, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of places for which conservation work has been outsourced, monument and State/UT – wise ; and
- (d) the extent to which the outsourcing has proven to be beneficial?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) There is a shortage of staff of monument attendants with Archaeological Survey of India to provide round the clock security for watch and ward at various monuments in the country including Madhya Pradesh.
- (b) The State-wise details of vacancy position of Monument Attendants' posts are given at Annexure. Vacancies are caused due to retirement of incumbents. To provide security at monuments, Archaeological Survey of India has engaged the services of private security guards and State Police personnel in addition to regular Monument Attendants. CISF personnel have been deployed at Taj Mahal, Agra and Red Fort, Delhi.
- (c)
 - (i) Humayun's Tomb Complex:- Conservation and Restoration works at Humayun's Tomb has been outsourced to Aga Khan Trust.
 - (ii) Monuments within Lodhi Garden Complex:- Conservation and Restoration works of monuments in Lodhi Garden has been outsourced to INTACH under National Culture Fund Project.
- (d) Outsourcing work has been taken up at only two monuments and the results are satisfactory.