

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DAMAGE TO KEDARNATH TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) team has visited to assess the damage to the Kedarnath temple from the recent floods and landslides;
- (b) if so, whether the ASI has submitted its report to the Government;
- (c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (d) the efforts being made by the Ministry/ASI to assess the damage to Kedarnath Temple and the details of the works executed by the Government and non-Governmental agencies engaged in the restoration of Kedarnath temple?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a) to(d) Yes Madam. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) team visited the Kedarnath temple on 2nd and 3rd August 2013 to assess the damage to the temple. A preliminary assessment report has since been submitted. Overall, the temple structure is found in a fair state of conservation, a detailed report is awaited. The Kedarnath temple is not a protected monument of the ASI. However, ASI will provide necessary technical advice and expertise to the Uttarakhand Government for conservation of Kedarnath temple.