

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF FORTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of forts protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) so far and the funds allocated/expenditure incurred on the development, maintenance and conservation of these forts during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT and fort-wise;

(b) whether the condition of some forts including Jaisalmer fort in Rajasthan and the Taj Mahal is deteriorating as reported by the print media in the recent past;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the reasons therefor, State/UT, fort and monument-wise; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the ASI/Government to maintain/protect these forts and Taj Mahal?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)(b) to(d) The State/UT-wise details of forts protected by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are given in annexure-I. The details of expenditure incurred for conservation of protected monuments including forts, by ASI, during the last three years and allocation for the current financial year, State/UT-wise are given in annexure-II. Conservation work of the protected monuments is a continuous process

The works of protected monuments/forts including Jaisalmer fort and Taj Mahal is attended to regularly, depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources.