

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS HERITAGE SITES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of historical monuments and other monuments in the country in which works were undertaken by the Government for their maintenance and preservation including the funds available and the expenditure incurred on each of these monuments/ archaeological sites during each of the last three years and the current year; State/UT and monument wise;
- (b) the details of protected/unprotected monuments/ancient monuments which are in dilapidated conditions and those on the verge of extinction along with the action taken to protect such monuments, State/UT-wise and monument/site -wise;
- (c) whether the Government/Archaeological Survey of India has conducted any survey of various centrally protected monuments/historical buildings which require repair work during the said period;
- (d) if so, the outcome of such survey along with the action taken thereon, State/UT and monument-wise; and
- (e) the details of action taken on the request received from the States regarding conservation/maintenance of monuments in their States, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process, where the special repairs work is executed on the selected monuments. Depending upon the availability of resources, the routine maintenance work is attended for all the protected monuments. The details of protected historical monuments, State/UT-wise, including expenditure incurred for conservation in the last three years and the allocation for the current financial year, are given in annexure-I.
- (b) The protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India are in a good state of preservation.
- (c) &(d) The condition of the centrally protected monuments is regularly monitored and essential conservation work is attended to, as per the requirements of the site and availability of manpower as well as financial allocations.
- (e) The details of conservation works taken up after receiving requests from different States are given in annexure-II.