

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRESERVATION OF OLD FORTS AND MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the schemes being implemented for the restoration and preservation of old forts and monuments in the country;
- (b) the details of different forts and monuments being rebuilt during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the amount allotted to rebuilt such endangered forts and monuments during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government plans to build tourism infrastructures near the forts and monuments; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The conservation work of protected monuments including old forts is attended by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from allocation of funds, under the scheme 'Conservation of Ancient Monuments'.
- (b)&(c) Only conservation work of the protected monuments is attended, maintaining authenticity and integrity of the site, without going for the process of re-building. The details of expenditure incurred for conservation of protected monuments during the last three years and allocation for the current year are given in annexure.
- (d)&(e) The focus of ASI is the conservation of protected monuments. While there is no scheme with ASI to build tourism infrastructure near the monuments, however, visitor friendly works such as providing public amenities, improvement of pathways, signage, etc., are provided at the protected monuments, wherever feasible and required within the available resources.