

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3825
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CONSERVATION OF JAISALMER FORT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that a section of the Jaisalmer Fort in Rajasthan had collapsed in mid- 2011;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the amount earmarked for the conservation of the fort is lying unutilised;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken by the Government/Archaeological Survey of India to protect forts situated in various parts of the country including Rajasthan, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) Yes Madam. Due to heavy rain fall, a portion of the pitching wall of the fort fell down.
- (c) No Madam. The allocated funds have been fully utilised and the collapsed portion of the pitching wall has been restored.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) The conservation work of protected monuments and forts under Archaeological Survey of India in the country including Rajasthan is attended regularly within the available resources and they are in a fairly good state of preservation. In addition, adequate security as well as watch and ward arrangements are made for protection.