GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3832 ANSWERED ON:18.02.2014 MAINTENANCE OF MONUMENTS .

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of monuments of historical/national importance under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the details of monuments which are in dilapidated conditions in the country including in Maharashtra, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of tourist places/monuments under construction/repair work of ASI and the details of monuments severely damaged due to cyclone/rains and other national calamities along with the steps taken /proposed to be taken by the Government for protection/maintenance of all such monuments, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that various historical buildings/monuments are not being maintained due to scarce resources;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to overcome this resource crunch and the extent to which success has been achieved through these steps?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The details of protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country including in Maharashtra, are given in annexure. The protected monuments are in a fairly good state of preservation.
- (b) Conservation work of the protected monuments is a continuous process wherein the repair work of them is attended regularly, keeping them in a presentable condition. No protected monument of the ASI is damaged in recent past by such calamities.
- (c) to(e) No Madam. Adequate funds are provided for the conservation of monuments, from within the overall allocation of the Ministry of Culture.