

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:410
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2014
SURVEY BY ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted surveys during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any survey regarding conservation of Gingee Fort in Tamil Nadu has also been conducted and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to re-submit the proposal regarding inclusion of Gingee Fort in the UNESCO's World Heritage Monuments list and if so, the status thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken note of the dilapidated condition of the fort; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government for its conservation along with the funds allocated for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 410 FOR 22.12.2014.

(a) Yes Madam. Conducting of surveys for location of Archaeological/Antiquarian remains as well as assessment for conservation requirements of monuments is a regular feature of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, details of some specific surveys conducted by the ASI during the last three years are given in annexure-I.

(b) Survey for assessment of conservation requirements of Gingee Fort is conducted regularly by the ASI based on which required conservation works are carried out.

(c) At present there is no such proposal.

(d) &(e) The conservation work of the Gingee Fort is attended regularly as per the requirements of the site and availability of the resources and it is in a good state of preservation. The allocation of the funds during the current financial year for conservation of Gingee Fort is Rs. 56.50 Lakhs.