

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:967  
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VANDALISM OF PROTECTED JAIN MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether paintings, sculptures monuments and caves used by Jain monks in Tamil Nadu have been vandalized by some anti-social elements;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government for protection and maintenance of these monuments;
- (c) whether the use of monuments for illicit purposes have been reported in the recent past; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government for the safety of these monuments?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Some of the monuments have been affected due to granite quarrying activities near these monuments.
- (b) The details are at Annexure.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.