

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some protected monument of national importance and ancient world heritage monuments including Ajanta and Ellora caves are lying in dilapidated condition due to lack of proper maintenance;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto alongwith the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the monuments;
- (c) whether the Government has received requests from the State Governments in this regard and if so, the details thereof, State/UT wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any plan to modernize Archaeological Survey of India as a world class institution; and
- (e) if so the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a)&(b) No Madam. Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. The essential repair work, including that of Ajanta and Ellora caves, is attended regularly depending upon the availability of resources and requirements of the site. The protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.

(c) No such request has been received from State Governments.

(d)&(e) The process of modernization of ASI is a dynamic process. The policies related to core functions of ASI are regularly reviewed. Further, skills and qualifications of personnel are constantly upgraded.