GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5913
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Disappearance of Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have conducted any survey regarding missing monuments in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the cases reported till date, State-wise including in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the data of notified monuments in the country, State-wise along with the data of those monuments which have been completely destroyed and vanished; and

(d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to locate/trace/restore and recover the missing monuments in the country along with the targets achieved so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

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(a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India undertakes periodic review of the status of monuments all over the country. The Performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), laid on the table of the Parliament House on 23.8.2013 has stated that 92 protected monuments were missing. However, vigorous efforts to locate/identify the reportedly untraceable monuments based on old records, revenue maps and published reports were carried out by the respective field offices of Archaeological Survey of India. The Status of 92 monuments is as under:

Number of monuments/sites which physically exist: 42
Number of monuments/sites affected due to rapid urbanization: 14
Number of monuments/sites submerged under reservoir/dam: 12
Number of monuments/sites which are untraceable: 24

List of 24 monuments reported missing in the country (including Uttar Pradesh) is at Annexure-I.

(c) The State-wise data of protected monuments/sites of national importance in the country is at Annexure-II. No case of complete destruction to the extent of vanishing monument has been reported.
(d) The procedure to find out untraceable monuments involve verification of old record, revenue maps, referring published reports, physical inspections and deployment of teams to trace the missing monuments. Out of 92 monuments/sites which were reported to be missing as per the CAG report, after thorough efforts, 24 monuments/sites have been reported as untraceable.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5913 FOR 10.4.2017

LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH ARE UNTRACEABLE

Assam
1. Guns of Emperor Sher Shah, Sadia, Tinsukia
Arunachal Pradesh
2. The Ruins of Copper Temple,Paya, Lohit
Haryana
3. Kos Minar, Mujesar, Faridabad
4. Kos Minar, Shahabad, Kurukshetra
Uttarakhand
5. Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Almora
Delhi
6. Bara Khamba Cemetery, Delhi
7. Inchla Wali Gumti, Mubarakpur Kotla
Madhya Pradesh
8. Rock Inscription, Satna
Maharashtra
9. Old European Tomb, Pune

10. One Buruj, Agarkot
Rajasthan
11. Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Tonk
12. 12th Century Temple, Baran
Uttar Pradesh
13. Ruins of three small linga temple circle 1000 AD, Ahugi Mirzapur
14. Three sites with megaliths on the western and north eastern toes of the hill, Chandauli
15. Tablet on treasury building, Varanasi
16. Telia Nala Buddhist ruins, Varanasi
17. A Banyan grove containing traces of ancient building, Amavey, Ballia
18. Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Banda
19. Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Mehroni, Lalitpur
20. Three Tomb, Lucknow-Faizabad Road, Lucknow
21. Cemeteries at miles 6 and 7, Jahraila Road, Lucknow
22. Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow
23. Large ruined site called Sandi-Khera, Pali, Shahabad, Hardoi
West Bengal
24. Ruins of fort, Bamanpukur, Nadia

ANNEXURE -II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5913 FOR 10.4.2017

NUMBER OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN THE COUNTRY

Sl.No. Name of State Nos. of Monuments
1. Andhra Pradesh 129
2. Arunachal Pradesh 03
3. Assam 55
4. Bihar 70
5. Chhattisgarh 47
6. Daman & Diu (U. T.) 12
7. Goa 21
8. Gujarat 203
9. Haryana 91
10. Himachal Pradesh 40
11. Jammu & Kashmir 69
12. Jharkhand 13
13. Karnataka 506
14. Kerala 28
15. Madhya Pradesh 292
16. Maharashtra 285
17. Manipur 01
18. Meghalaya 08
19. Mizoram 01
20. Nagaland 04
21. N.C.T. Delhi 174
22. Odisha 79
23. Puducherry (U.T.)07
24. Punjab 33
25. Rajasthan 162
26. Sikkim 03
27. Telangana 08
28. Tamil Nadu 413
29. Tripura 08
30. Uttar Pradesh 743
31. Uttarakhand 42
32. West Bengal 136
TOTAL 3686