

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:322

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DISAPPEARANCE OF MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that several historical monuments in the country have disappeared/ become untraceable;
- (b) if so, whether the National Monuments Authority has submitted a report to the Government in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has claimed that the actual number of such monuments was less than the stated figure;
- (e) if so, whether the Ministry has made any efforts to find out the factual position in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Twenty four centrally protected monuments have become untraceable.
- (b) National Monuments Authority has not submitted any specific report to the Government on disappeared/untraceable historical monuments under ASI in the country.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Twenty four centrally protected monuments have become untraceable.
- (e) The Archaeological Survey of India has made efforts to locate/identify the untraceable monuments through field offices based on old records, revenue maps and published reports
- (f) The details of untraceable monuments are at Annexure.