

>**Title:** Need to take steps for proper maintenance of historical monuments at Jaisalmer in Rajasthan-Laid.

COL. (RETD.) SONA RAM CHOUDHARY : This is with regard to 850 yeasers, an old historical and National monument at Jaisalmer (Rajasthan), which is popularly known as "SONAR QUILA" and is on the world tourist map. Apart from this, there are stone carved Hevelis and Ornamental buildings at Jailsalmer, which are of great importance for National and International tourists. These assets are not properly maintained with the result condition of these assets is deteriorating day by day.

Jaisalmer Fort and other Havelis of national heritage have been damaged and shaken due to server earthquake in Gujarat on 26 January, 2001.

I demand the following :-

- a. A detailed survey be carried out by an expert team to assess and measure the damages caused by the killer earthquake in Jaisalmer on 26 January, 2001;
- b. A Ministerial team associated with Government of Rajasthan should be constituted to oversee and assess the damages and restoration work; and
- c. Provision for special budget be made by Government of India for speedy repair and restoration work for all historical buildings/national monuments situated at Jaisalmer (Rajasthan).