

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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SURVEY FOR CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 24 Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs) across the country, including Barakhamba Cemetery in Delhi, have been reported as untraceable and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether any investigation or follow-up survey has been conducted to determine the status of other CPMs not covered in the initial audit; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for the delay in conducting such a survey and the steps Government intends to take to locate and secure any additional untraceable monuments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) laid on the table of the Parliament House on 23.08.2013 has stated that 92 protected monuments are missing. However, survey by Archeological Survey of India (ASI) reveals that 18 protected monuments and sites including Barakhamba Cemetery in Delhi are not in good state of preservation.
- (b) Officers of ASI periodically visit protected monuments and sites within their jurisdiction & to assess conservation status and requirements for repair and maintenance.
- (c) *****