

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.348**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6.2.2025

**PREVENTION OF DAMAGE TO MONUMENTS AND HISTORICAL  
SITES FROM URBANIZATION**

348. SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that the pressure on monuments and historical sites due to rapid urbanization has become a serious challenge as reported in the surveys conducted by the regional offices of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) if so, the major steps taken by Government to prevent damage to the monuments and historical sites occurring due to urbanization and to ensure their conservation; and
- (c) the number of monuments endangered due to urbanization in other States of the country including Jharkhand and the details of efforts made for their conservation?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a)&(b) No such survey has been carried out by the regional offices of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, the encroachments have been reported within some protected monuments and archaeological sites of national importance.  
In order to prevent any damage to monuments and archaeological site, periodic visits are made by field offices. In addition to the regular watch and ward staff, private security personnel and CISF have also been deployed for the safety and security of selected monuments/sites across the country. Inspection of monuments and sites is taken up by ASI's officials/officers from time to time to assess their condition and annual works programme is drawn for conservation and maintenance accordingly.
- (c) Question does not arise.

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