

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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THREAT TO ASI PROTECTED MONUMENT OF AURANGZEB ALAMGIR

3710. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that tomb of Mughal Emperor Aurangzeb Alamgir is an ASI protected monument;
- (b) if so, whether this details have been mentioned in the ASI website or removed on the pretext of recent threats;
- (c) if so, under which circle is this monument mentioned in the website;
- (d) whether it has come to notice of the ASI that this particular ASI monument is under threat of demolition from extremist groups; and
- (e) if so, the actions taken up by the ASI to protect this monument?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Tomb of Aurangzeb at Khuldabad, District Aurangabad, Maharashtra is a ASI protected monument.
- (b) The details are available at Archaeological Survey of India's web site <https://asi.nic.in>.
- (c) The tomb of Aurangzeb is under jurisdiction of Aurangabad Circle of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (d) ASI has been continuously taking proactive measures in co-ordination with District & Administration to mitigate any damage to the protected monument. Further, action taken
- (e) includes providing 12 feet high metal sheet around the tomb, concertina wire over the surrounding walls to check the trespassers, deployment of private security personnel in addition to Multi Tasking Staff and inspection on regular intervals by ASI officials.
