

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 524
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CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

524#. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cultural heritage including both tangible and intangible heritage in the country which is conserved, protected, explored and maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India and the number of religious sites which are managed by it
- (b) whether any study has been conducted to determine the number of religious sites and temples in the country; and
- (c) the actual situation regarding shortcomings in the management of religious sites identified during the last three years

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 3688 centrally protected monuments including religious sites under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India which are conserved, protected, explored and maintained in the country. ASI only deals with tangible cultural sites which are declared as monuments/sites of National Importance. No intangible cultural heritage is conserved, protected and maintained by the ASI.
- (b) No specific study has been conducted by ASI to determine the number of religious sites and temples in the country.
- (c) Conservation, upkeep and day to day maintenance, of all 3688 monuments and sites including religious sites is carried out in a regular way as per the need and availability of resources. There is no shortcomings in the management of these monuments and they are in a good state of preservation.
