

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.4.2017
CHAITRA 20, 1939 (SAKA)

DISAPPEARANCE OF MONUMENTS

+5913. SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have conducted any survey regarding missing monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the cases reported till date, State-wise including in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the data of notified monuments in the country, State-wise along with the data of those monuments which have been completely destroyed and vanished; and
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government to locate/trace/restore and recover the missing monuments in the country along with the targets achieved so far?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India undertakes periodic review of the status of monuments all over the country. The Performance Audit Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG), laid on the table of the Parliament House on 23.8.2013 has stated that 92 protected monuments were missing. However, vigorous efforts to locate/identify the reportedly untraceable monuments based on old records, revenue maps and published reports were carried out by the respective field offices of Archaeological Survey of India. The Status of 92 monuments is as under:

Number of monuments/sites which physically exist:	42
Number of monuments/sites affected due to rapid urbanization:	14
Number of monuments/sites submerged under reservoir/dam:	12
Number of monuments/sites which are untraceable:	24

List of 24 monuments reported missing in the country (including Uttar Pradesh) is at Annexure-I.

- (c) The State-wise data of protected monuments/sites of national importance in the country is at Annexure-II. No case of complete destruction to the extent of vanishing monument has been reported.
- (d) The procedure to find out untraceable monuments involve verification of old record, revenue maps, referring published reports, physical inspections and deployment of teams to trace the missing monuments. Out of 92 monuments/sites which were reported to be missing as per the CAG report, after thorough efforts, 24 monuments/sites have been reported as untraceable.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5913 FOR 10.4.2017

LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH ARE UNTRACEABLE

Assam	
1.	Guns of Emperor Sher Shah, Sadia, Tinsukia
Arunachal Pradesh	
2.	The Ruins of Copper Temple, Paya, Lohit
Haryana	
3.	Kos Minar, Mujesar, Faridabad
4.	Kos Minar, Shahabad, Kurukshetra
Uttarakhand	
5.	Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Almora
Delhi	
6.	Bara Khamba Cemetery, Delhi
7.	Inchla Wali Gumti, Mubarakpur Kotla
Madhya Pradesh	
8.	Rock Inscription, Satna
Maharashtra	
9.	Old European Tomb, Pune
10.	One Buruj, Agarkot
Rajasthan	
11.	Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Tonk
12.	12 th Century Temple, Baran
Uttar Pradesh	
13.	Ruins of three small linga temple circle 1000 AD, Ahugi Mirzapur
14.	Three sites with megaliths on the western and north eastern toes of the hill, Chandauli
15.	Tablet on treasury building, Varanasi
16.	Telia Nala Buddhist ruins, Varanasi
17.	A Banyan grove containing traces of ancient building, Amavey, Ballia
18.	Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Banda
19.	Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Mehroni, Lalitpur
20.	Three Tomb, Lucknow-Faizabad Road, Lucknow
21.	Cemeteries at miles 6 and 7, Jahraila Road, Lucknow
22.	Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow
23.	Large ruined site called Sandi-Khera, Pali, Shahabad, Hardoi
West Bengal	
24.	Ruins of fort, Bamanpukur, Nadia

ANNEXURE -II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5913 FOR 10.4.2017

NUMBER OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN THE COUNTRY

Sl.No.	Name of State	Nos. of Monuments
1.	Andhra Pradesh	129
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	03
3.	Assam	55
4.	Bihar	70
5.	Chhattisgarh	47
6.	Daman & Diu (U. T.)	12
7.	Goa	21
8.	Gujarat	203
9.	Haryana	91
10.	Himachal Pradesh	40
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	69
12.	Jharkhand	13
13.	Karnataka	506
14.	Kerala	28
15.	Madhya Pradesh	292
16.	Maharashtra	285
17.	Manipur	01
18.	Meghalaya	08
19.	Mizoram	01
20.	Nagaland	04
21.	N.C.T. Delhi	174
22.	Odisha	79
23.	Puducherry (U.T.)	07
24.	Punjab	33
25.	Rajasthan	162
26.	Sikkim	03
27.	Telangana	08
28.	Tamil Nadu	413
29.	Tripura	08
30.	Uttar Pradesh	743
31.	Uttarakhand	42
32.	West Bengal	136
	TOTAL	3686