

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3122
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

Beautification of Forts of Mumbai

3122 SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds provided by the Government for repair, maintenance and beautification of Riwa, Mahim and Sion Hillock Forts of Mumbai along with its utilization during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the cases of encroachment of the said Forts have come to the notice of the Government during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the number of tourists visiting the said Forts have decreased drastically due to dilapidated condition of these Forts during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for proper upkeep/ maintenance of the said Forts and to remove encroachment therefrom along with achievements thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE
FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Out of indicated three forts only Sion Fort is a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The year wise details of funds allocated and utilized for its conservation and maintenance are as follows:

Amount in Rs.

Sl. No.	Year	Allocation/ Expenditure
1.	2015-16	1588892
2.	2016-17	1557541
3.	2017-18	1606535
4.	2018-19	1000000 (allocation)

- (b) No Madam. No encroachment has taken place at Sion Fort during the said period.
- (c) The Sion Fort is in a good state of preservation and the numbers of tourists visiting the & monuments have not decreased.
- (d)
- (e) The conservation work on the Sion Fort is attended regularly by the ASI as per the requirements of the site and availability of resources and it is in a good state of preservation.

