

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3643  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020

CHRISTIAN CEMETERIES IN AGRA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Christian cemeteries in Agra along with the status of their maintenance;
- (b) whether ASI/Ministry has compiled any list of graves where Christians of foreign origin were interred prior to 1950
- (c) whether this list contains the name and origin of the persons of historical importance such as Samru *alias* Sombre;
- (d) whether the Ministry dwelt upon the possibilities of promoting tourism in Agra for the visit of the graves of the people of historical importance by advertising it through Indian Missions overseas so that the existing lineage of such persons come for a visit to the graves of their forefathers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) There is one Christian Cemetery in Agra namely “the Roman Catholic Cemetery with its Tombs, boundary walls gateways and gardens” under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India, Agra Circle, Agra which is well maintained.
- (b) No sir, no such separate list has been compiled for graves where Christian of foreign origin were interred prior to 1950.
- (c) Question dose not arise.
- (d)&(e) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

