

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3085
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.3.2021

DAMAGE TO ANTIQUITIES IN RED FORT

3085. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that heavy damage has been caused by protestors and many priceless antiquities and precious items including several heritage items of archaeological importance have been damaged and missing during attack on Red Fort on 26th January, 2021;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the estimated loss incurred thereon;
- (c) whether the Government has sought a detailed report from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on damages and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to recover the losses;
- (d) whether the Government has recovered all the missing items and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken any action against the concerned miscreants and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) & (b) During the incident, two brass finials of the dome at Lahori Gate were dislodged from their original positions. Apart from that, the entrance plaza with turnstile gates, baggage scanners, Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMDs), other security equipment and the booking counter at Lahori Gate were also damaged.
- (c) & (d) The monument was inspected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Two brass finials of the dome at Lahori gate, which were dislodged from their original positions, have been recovered and now kept in safe custody. A police complaint has been lodged in this regard.
- (e) A Police Complaint has been lodged by ASI.
