

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3420
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

PRESERVATION OF FORTS BY ASI

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes documentation of the forts under its maintenance on regular basis to ascertain erosion, if any, in their condition due to manmade or natural factors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the protected forts in the State of Maharashtra are in a good state of preservation as a result of timely conservation measures taken by ASI;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the measures that are to be proposed by ASI to conserve these forts to attract tourists and other interested persons?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 3698 Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs) including & forts under the care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with adequate documentation. Monitoring of Monuments is done on regular basis by Technical officers of ASI to ascertain any deterioration or erosion caused due to manmade or natural factors and conservation work of the monuments are taken up as per the National Policy for Conservation.
- (b)
- (c) There are 47 forts protected by ASI in the State of Maharashtra and & all are in a good state of preservation.
- (d)

- (e) All necessary conservation, preservation and development works are taken up as per the need of the Monuments/sites and availability of resources. Further, ASI provides basic facilities like toilet block, pathways, drinking water facility, illumination, Cultural Notice Boards, various publication and brochures and QR code based information to attract tourists and other interested persons.
