

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.216  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.8.2016  
SRAVANA 10, 1938 (SAKA)

NEW MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether certain places of Archaeological importance have been found in the country during the mining work and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of monuments that have been declared 'missing' by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) with details of the same, State-wise and the number of monuments found after the declaration of the 'missing' list issued by the ASI along with the details, State-wise;
- (c) the procedure followed by ASI to track missing monuments and the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce satellite mapping of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is aware that various sites of archaeological importance are being destroyed in the country due to large scale construction of housing units and if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a)to(e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

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- (a) No mining work has been conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India. However, Ministry of Mines has confirmed that no such data is maintained therefore the information is being obtained from Ministry of Mines.
- (b) Out of 24 monuments declared missing/untraceable, none of them is traceable after declaration as missing. The details (State-wise) are at Annexure.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Archaeological Survey of India entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for preparation of satellite based maps indicating prohibited and regulated areas clearly for the information of public and also to facilitate procedure for grant of permissions for construction related activity within prohibited and regulated areas of all centrally protected monuments. So far 3686 centrally protected monuments are covered under the scope of MoU.
- (e) No case of destruction of an archaeological site, protected by Archaeological Survey of India, due to construction of housing units, has come to notice.

## ANNEXURE

## ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.216 FOR 1.8.2016

## LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES WHICH ARE UNTRACEABLE

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Assam</b>             |   |
| 1.                       | Guns of Emperor Sher Shah, Sadia, Tinsukia  |
| <b>Arunachal Pradesh</b> |   |
| 2.                       | The Ruins of Copper Temple, Paya, Lohit   |
| <b>Haryana</b>           |   |
| 3.                       | Kos Minar, Mujesar, Faridabad   |
| 4.                       | Kos Minar, Shahabad, Kurukshetra  |
| <b>Uttarakhand</b>       |   |
| 5.                       | Kutumbari Temple, Dwarahat, Almora  |
| <b>Delhi</b>             |   |
| 6.                       | Bara Khamba Cemetery, Delhi   |
| 7.                       | Inchla Wali Gumti, Mubarakpur Kotla   |
| <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>    |   |
| 8.                       | Rock Inscription, Satna   |
| <b>Maharashtra</b>       |   |
| 9.                       | Old European Tomb, Pune   |
| 10.                      | One Buruj, Agarkot  |
| <b>Rajasthan</b>         |   |
| 11.                      | Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Tonk  |
| 12.                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> Century Temple, Baran  |
| <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>     |   |
| 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                            |
| <b>West Bengal</b>       |   |
| 24.                      | Ruins of fort, Bamanpukur, Nadia  |