

Renovation of centrally protected monuments of Gujarat

188. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the place-wise details of centrally protected monuments renovated by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Gujarat State within the last three years;
- (b) whether ASI had informed to Valsad District Administration during inspection of old monuments constructed during Shivaji time at Atul, Parnera hills;
- (c) if not, why ASI has not informed Valsad District Administration for this inspection; and
- (d) whether ASI is considering to renovate this monument in coordination with State Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. The conservation work of 202 protected monuments in Gujarat is attended regularly depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources.

(b) and (c) The monuments at Parnera hills in Valsad District are not the protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Normally the inspections are conducted independently by ASI, until it is found necessary to take the help of District Administration. Therefore, District Administration was not informed about the site visit.

(d) No such proposal has been received from State Government of Gujarat.

Shortage of conservation staff

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a massive shortage of staff across categories of archaeologist, monument attendants, caretakers and security personnel;
- (b) the monuments and archaeological sites in Tamil Nadu (under Chennai circle) that have a shortage of conservation attendants;
- (c) the sites conservation of which has been outsourced; and
- (d) how has the outsourcing of conservation been useful in India?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No Sir. There is no massive shortage of staff, except for monument attendants. To cope with the situation, one thousand monument attendants are being engaged from ex-defense servicemen. Besides, CISF (for Red Fort and Taj Mahal only), armed police, home guards and private security