

(a) whether Government are considering to re-introduce control on sale of sugar or to curtail the quota for open market sale; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. SHER SINGH): (a) and (b). At present 60% of the monthly quota of sugar released to the sugar industry for sale is being distributed on an informal basis through controlled channels, 3½% is utilised for exports and the balance of 36½% is available for free sale. The matter is under review.

Ancient and Historical Monuments in Gujarat

3805. SHRI D. P. JADEJA :
SHRI VEKARIA :

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE** be pleased to state :

(a) the number and names of ancient and historical monuments in Gujarat which are declared as protected monuments; and

(b) the steps being taken to preserve these monuments?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) There are 179 Centrally-protected ancient and historical monuments in Gujarat; the names are given in the list laid on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. 27-1781/72.*]

(b) For the maintenance and watch-and-ward of the monuments, there are Monument Attendants, Monument Cleaners, Garden Attendants and Sweepers.

Besides, Special Repairs are carried out as per the requirements of individual

monuments and within the funds available. Thus, the following expenditure was incurred during the last three years.

Year	Annual Maintenance and upkeep	Special Repairs
1969-70	Rs. 58,908	Rs. 1,08,578
1970-71	Rs. 41,496	Rs. 53,383
1971-72	Rs. 1,04,187	Rs. 92,885

Archaeological Exploration in Gujarat

3806 SHRI D P JADEJA :
SHRI VEKARIA :

Will the Minister of **EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether archaeological explorations have been carried out in Gujarat State, if so, the names of places;

(b) whether any further explorations are planned in this region; and

(a) whether any survey report has been prepared on the basis of explorations?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE AND CULTURE (PROF. S. NURUL HASAN) : (a) Yes, Sir. Two lists giving the names respectively of important explored and excavated sites during the past two decades are placed on the Table of the House. [*Placed in Library. See No. 27-1782/72.*]

(b) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India will carry out a programme of exploration in District Surat and is also continuing its excavation at Surkotada in District Kutch. Also, there are proposals from the State Department of Archaeology to explore in District Sabarkantha, and excavate at Prabhas Patan, District Sorath,