

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF SHAKING MINARS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and location of Shaking Minars in Ahmedabad, Gujarat;
- (b) the action being taken by the Government to protect these Minars from erosion and decay; and (
- (c) the status of work alongwith the strength of staff posted to protect the said monuments from damage caused by the visitors?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) Shidi Bashirs Minar and Bibiji's Masjid both centrally protected monuments at Ahmedabad are popularly known as Shaking Minars.

(b) & (c) The above centrally protected Minars were damaged due to earthquake on 26th January, 2001 and have been repaired and conserved in accordance with the archaeological principles. Adequate watch & ward and technical staff have been posted at Ahmedabad for regular upkeep, maintenance, safety and security of protected monuments.