

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2153
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MONUMENTS OF MAHARASHTRA UNDER ASI
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are spending crores of rupees on the security of monuments which are under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI);
- (b) whether a large number of monuments in the country, especially in Maharashtra are in very bad condition and tourists are not allowed to visit there;
- (c) if so the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) and (d) : The monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India are in a fairly good state of preservation. Government is not aware of any restriction in the entry of visitors to these monuments, subject to payment of entry fees, where applicable, and security requirements.