

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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MURAL PAINTINGS

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the pre-historic mural paintings in Madhya Pradesh are getting damaged due to natural factors and defacement by tourists; and

(b) if so, the concrete steps being taken by the Government for the protection of these pre-historic wall-paintings in Madhya Pradesh?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) : Centrally protected rock-shelters with prehistoric mural paintings at Bhimbetaka, are in a good state of preservation. At protected rock shelters adequate watch and ward staff is posted by Archaeological Survey of India and conservation measures are undertaken.