

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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DISAPPEARANCE OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether some of the historical monuments in Delhi and other States/UTs have disappeared;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise
- (c) Whether the land mafias are behind disappearance of these monuments; and
- (d) If so, the corrective steps taken/being taken to protect the historical monuments?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) The details of 35 centrally protected monuments/sites

(State/UT-wise) which are not traceable all over the country including Delhi are at Annexure.

(c) The major cause for the disappearance of the historical monuments is rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commercial buildings, and implementation of development projects.

(d) In 1992, ASI has issued a notification declaring areas upto 100 metres from the protected limits of monuments of national importance as prohibited areas where all construction and mining activities are banned. Another 200 metres beyond this had been declared as regulated area where construction/mining activity is permitted only in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence issued by the Director General, Archaeological Survey of India.