

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1319  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006  
MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS  
Singh Shri Mohan

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed cleaning of all the monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of monuments which are identified for the purpose, State-wise, particularly in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose;
- (d) whether the government is aware of the concern expressed by Conservationists on the issue;
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefore?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) No, Sir. Only limited number of monuments are selected every year for cleaning and chemical preservation.
- (b) The names of the monuments, State-wise, identified for the above (including Tamil Nadu) for 2006-07 are given in Annexure – I.
- (c) The funds allotted for chemical preservation for the current financial year is Rs. 502.15 lakhs .
- (d) to (f) Yes, Sir. The Science Branch of Archaeological Survey of India is taking every possible care for proper safeguard of the monuments by applying time tested methods and materials for conservation. The chemical preservation process generally comprises cleaning, strengthening, biocidal treatment and hydro phobization.