

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1472  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2018**

**PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL SITES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

**1472. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has conducted any survey of Sites of cultural and historical importance in the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Himachal Pradesh and the aspects covered under the said survey; and
- (c) whether Government has taken steps to preserve historical Sites in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years and current year, if so, the details thereof, Site-wise and if not, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE, (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER  
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has surveyed the sites/monuments of cultural and historical importance in the country under the Village to Village Survey & Scheme during the last three financial years and the current financial year. ASI, Shimla
- (b) Circle has carried out village-to-village survey in different districts of Himachal Pradesh; to bring into light some new antiquarian remains which include cemeteries (*Samadhis*), temples, forts, *havelis*, sacred places (*Sthanas*), natural water channels (*nalas*) partly engineered by humans over the centuries, small rectangular pond-like *baodis* or *baolis* (small rectangular pond-like stepwells), forts, palace in ruins, *Hawelis*, "Hero Stones" (commemorative stones), and others that are broadly dateable to early/late mediaeval period/British Period.

**State-wise details are at Annexure-I**

- (c) Yes sir, ASI, Shimla Circle has carried out conservation work for the different monuments and archaeological sites under its jurisdiction within the state of Himachal Pradesh.

The details of the major conservation works carried out in the last 3 financial years and the current year are given at **Annexure-II**.

**Annexure-I****Reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1472 for 31.07.2018****Statement showing number of sites of historical/cultural importance surveyed under Village to Village Survey Scheme during the financial years 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and current financial year 2018-19**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>
1.	BIHAR	3	15	45	0
2.	CHHATISGARH	10	12	17	0
3.	GOA	50	0	0	0
4.	GUJARAT	54	8	0	0
<b>5.</b>	<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>15</b>
6.	JANMMU & KASHMIR	0	2	0	0
7.	JHARKHAND	71	0	0	1
8.	KARNATAKA	263	166	10	26
9.	KERALA	3	34	4	5
10.	MADHYA PRADESH	109	65	29	0
11.	MAHARASTRA	58	3	17	0
12.	MIZORAM	0	18	0	0
13.	ODISHA	64	37	8	0
14.	PUNJAB	47	50	26	22
15.	RAJASTHAN	19	10	34	0
16.	TAMILNADU	87	24	59	1
17.	TELENGANA	0	0	24	0
18.	UTTAR PRADESH	72	19	10	10
19.	UTTARKHAND	10	8	0	0
20.	WEST BENGAL	26	0	12	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>80</b>

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**Monuments under Chamba sub circle** – Major repair works were carried out such as providing flooring to the damaged floors and changing of roof tiles of the different temples within the sub circle such as the Chaurasi group at Bharmour, Laxmi Narayan Temple, at Chamba and Chamunda Devi temple at Chamba and Shakti Devi at Chatrari.

**Monuments of Kangra sub circle-** Repair and restoration works were carried out within major monuments of Kangra sub circle such as the conservation of the retaining wall at Sheesh Mahal at Kangra fort, repairs to the retaining wall and bastions of the Noorpur fort, comprehensive conservation work and development of overall tourist amenities at rock cut temple at Masroor and repairs of the retaining wall of the Sujapur, Katoch palace at Tihra Sujapur beside providing basic annual maintenance to other important monuments such as the Shiv Temple at Baijnath and changing of floor tiles at the temple of Ashapuri.

**Monuments of Mandi sub circle-** Annual maintenance and conservation works were carried out in the monuments of Mandi such as the Trilokinath temple and Panchvaktra temple. Regular cleaning and clearing of vegetation were carried out in monuments of Kullu district. Special repairs were undertaken in the monuments of the tribal zone such as the Buddhist monastery at Tabo in Spiti including the repairs of the fallen roof of the gtsung-la-khang. A small insite museum is under construction in the current financial year. Major repair works has also been undertaken at the Mrikula devi temple at Udaypur which includes changing of old rotten planks and providing structural stability to the temple complex.

**Monuments of the Shimla sub circle-** under the head of civil deposit work repair, restoration and conservation works were carried out in the Vice- Regal lodge (Rashtrapati Niwas) including repairs to parapets, roof of the council chamber, water tightening of the front verandah and porch and other repair works wherever required.