

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2023

RESTORATION OF HERITAGE SITES OF ODISHA

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has conducted a survey to identify the potential heritage sites in Odisha during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the details of such heritage sites identified, district-wise;
- (c) whether Government has undertaken restoration work for any of the heritage sites in Odisha during the last two years; and
- (d) if so, the details of restoration work being carried out, site-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted village to village surveys to identify the archaeological sites and remains.
- (b) The details of such archaeological sites and remains district-wise surveyed in the last two years in Odisha are attached as **Annexure I**.
- (c) & (d) The ASI does not undertake restoration work, as such. However, it carries out conservation and preservation of monuments of national importance as a regular phenomena.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572 FOR 23.03.2023

List of Archaeological sites and remains Identified through Surveys by the Archaeological Survey of India during last two years

Sl. No.	Name of Heritage Site	Location	District	Findings
2020-21				
1.	Sri Achyutananda Mahapurusha Gadi	Nemala	Cuttack	Modern temple
2.	Asura Vihara Gumphs (Caves)	Choudwar	Cuttack	Very small, inaccessible caves without much archaeological merit
3.	Labanagiri	Jatani Road	Khurda	Buddhist mound
4.	Buddhist Remains at Ayodhya	Ayodhya	Balasore	Buddhist and Jain sculptural remains
5.	Submerged Temple	Padmavati	Nayagarh	Completely submerged in the river and without much archaeological or artistic merit
6.	Rakta Tirtha	Eram	Bhadrak	Modern pillar to remember the martyrs of 1942 massacre
7.	Rock Shelters	Bhima Mandali	Sambalpur	Rock shelters with prehistoric rock-art
8.	Ugratara Devi Temple	Kalarabanka	Jagatsinghpur	Ancient temple
2021-22				
1.	Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and Dak Bunglow	Bamur	Angul	Renovated bunglow and modern memorial
2.	Rani Bakhri	Sambalpur	Sambalpur	Mediaeval palace renovated by INTACH
3.	Nrusinghanath Temple	Paikmal	Bargarh	Mediaeval temple
4.	Agarda Village	Sainkul	Keonjhar	Sparse and unimportant remains
5.	Sankaranand Mutt	Puri	Puri	Mutt of the British time renovated many times over the years
6.	Vanivakreswara	Delanga	Puri	Temple with many modern additions
7.	Siva Temple, Bankadagada	Niladriprasad	Khurda	Ancient temple
8.	Swapneswar Mahadev Temple	Bira Purushottampur	Puri	Temple without much archaeological or artistic value
9.	Solampur Boudh Vihar	Solampur	Bhadrak	Buddhist mound with architectural and sculptural remains
