

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.492
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

FUNDS FOR THE PROTECTION OF ASI MONUMENTS

492. SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has sanctioned funds for conservation, renovation and protection of archaeological monuments, both in Chennai and Tiruchirapalli circles, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the funds allocated in the last five years, year-wise, to various projects of heritage monuments in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the total funds allocated for archaeological excavations, site museums and publications in the last five years in Tamil Nadu;
- (d) the status of the scheme for adoption of ASI protected monuments in the country, circle-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to increase the funds for the protection of ASI monuments?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has provided funds during the current financial year for the conservation, renovation and protection of archaeological monuments, both in Chennai and Tiruchirapalli circles. Details are given as under:-

(Amount in Crores)

S. No.	Name of Circle	Fund allocated
1.	Chennai	10.00
2.	Tiruchirapalli	8.00

- (b) The details of funds allocated in the last five years, to various works on protected monuments and areas in Tamil Nadu are given as under:-

(Amount in Crores)

Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	8.10	9.60	7.25	12.00	19.95

- (c) Publications of the ASI are brought out by the Publication Section at Headquarter. The details of funds allocated for archaeological excavations and site museums in the last five years in Tamil Nadu are given as under:-

(Amount in Lakh)

Funds allocated for Archaeological Excavation					
Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	4.00	1.00	1.00	20.50	95.00
Funds allocated for Site Museums					
Year	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	22.48	20.06	23.75	19.10	61.90

- (d) The 'Adopt a Heritage : Apni Dharohar, Apni Pehchan' scheme was initially launched on 27-09-2017 by the Ministry of Tourism, in collaboration with Ministry of Culture and
- (e) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), various States/UTs Governments wherein the entities, called Monument Mitra were permitted to engage in activities in order to provide and maintain basic tourist amenities, wherein a total 24 MoUs have been signed for various means and purposes which are given in Annexure-I. This scheme has now recently been revamped as "Adopt A Heritage Program 2.0" and has been launched on 04.09.2023 by ASI for beautification of monuments i.e. cleaning of monument premises, provide and maintain basic tourist amenities like wash room, drinking water, child care room, benches, pathways, garbage bins, signage, S&L shows and illumination.

Annexure-I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) & (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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**DETAILS OF MOUs SIGNED BY ASI UNDER ‘ADOPT A HERITAGE’ SCHEME WITH
VARIOUS AGENCIES**

Sl. No	Name of Monument	Name of Circle	Agency
1	Development of Multi-Lingual Audio Guide for 9 Iconic Sites		Resbird Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Now “Bird Heritage Foundation”)
	Dholavira, Gujarat	Rajkot	
	Humayun’s Tomb, Delhi	Delhi	
	Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	
	Purana Quila, Delhi	Delhi	
	Fatehpur Sikri, Agra	Agra	
	Taj Mahal, Agra	Agra	
	Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu	Chennai	
	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	Jabalpur	
Somnath Temple, Gujarat	State Protected Monument		
2	Tomb of Abdur Rahim Khan – I – Khana, Delhi	Delhi	Interglobe Foundation
3	QutubMinar, Delhi	Delhi	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.
4	JantarMantar, Delhi	Delhi	Park Hotels (P) Ltd.
5	Sun Temple, Modhera, Gujarat	Vadodara	Akshar Travels Pvt. Ltd.
6	Bekal Fort, Kerala	Thrissur	Drishti Lifesaving Pvt. Ltd.
7	Rani ki Vav, Patan, Gujarat	Vadodara	Akshar Travels Pvt. Ltd.
8	Red Fort, Delhi	Delhi	Dalmia Bharat Ltd.
9	Gandikota Fort, Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	Dalmia Bharat Ltd.
10	Surajkund, Haryana	Chandigarh	Bliss Inn (India) Pvt. Ltd.
11	Aguada Fort, Goa	Goa	Drishti Lifesaving Pvt. Ltd.
12	Mandore Fort, Rajasthan	Jodhpur	Mehrangarh Museum Trust
13	Ajanta Caves, Maharashtra	Aurangabad	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.
14	Hazara Rama Temple, Karnataka	Hampi	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.
15	Leh Palace, Ladakh	Leh	Yatra Online Pvt. Ltd.
16	Champaner-Pavagadh, Gujarat	Vadodara	Akshar Travels Pvt. Ltd.
17	Buddhist Caves, Junagadh, Gujarat	Rajkot	Akshar Travels Pvt. Ltd.
18	Krishna Temple, Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Heritage Resorts, Hampi
19	Elephant Stables, Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Orange County Resorts, Hampi
20	Pattabhirama Temple, Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Orange County Resorts, Hampi
21	Lotus Mahal (Zenana Enslosure), Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Orange County Resorts
22	UgraNarashimha, Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Hotel Malligi
23	Badavalinga, Hampi, Karnataka	Hampi	Hotel Malligi
24	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka, Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	HEG Ltd
