GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.345 ANSWERED ON 25.07.2024

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR HERITAGE MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of heritage monuments in the country, State-wise, and details of funds/grants disbursed by Central Government, State-wise, in the last five years, i.e., 2018 to 2023;
- (b) the reasons why Government allocated fewer funds to the State of Tamil Nadu, which has more than 400 monuments, compared to other States with less than 50 monuments; and
- (c) whether, with regards to the newly identified monuments, Government has identified any tourist places/monuments in the State of Tamil Nadu and any grants earmarked/released therefor in the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 3697 ancient monuments and archaeological sites declared as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 in the country. State-wise number of monuments and expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and maintenance of these monuments and sites during the last five years is given at **Annexure**.
- (b) The conservation, preservation and maintenance work of protected monuments and areas is a continuous process and attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India, as per need and priority and the funds are allocated accordingly.
- (c) Identification of monuments for protection and their conservation and providing tourist facilities/ infrastructure is a regular process. The allocation released for monuments of Tamil Nadu is as under:

Year	Allocation		
(2018-2023)	(in crore rupees)		
2018-19	8.10		
2019-20	9.60		
2020-21	7.25		
2021-22	12.00		
2022-23	19.95		

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.345 FOR 25.07.2024.

STATE-WISE NUMBER OF MONUMENTS AND SITES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN THE COUNTRY AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION.

SI.No.	Name of	Number of	Expenditure		(amount in crores)		
	State / U.T.	Monuments &	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
		Site					
1.	Andhra	135	5.30	5.15	4.57	5.75	11.60
	Pradesh						
2.	Assam	55					
3.	Arunachal	03					
	Pradesh		3.15	3.40	3.04	3.30	7.44
4.	Nagaland	04					
5.	Meghalaya	08					
6.	Bihar	70	1.76	1.45	1.23	3.35	9.00
7.	Chhattisgarh	46	0.86	3.00	2.89	4.78	7.50
8.	Daman &	11	9.62	7.00	7.34	10.50	14.09
	Diu (U.T.)						
9.	Gujarat	205					
10.	Goa	21	1.60	2.20	3.70	7.00	10.45
11.	Haryana	91	2.90	1.57	0.80	1.50	6.53
12.	Punjab	33					
13.	Himachal Pradesh	40	1.51	2.15	1.25	1.15	8.90
14.	Jammu &	56	1.65	1.55	0.80	2.55	6.03
	Kashmir	00	1.00	1.55	0.00	2.00	0.00
	(U.T.)						
15.	Jharkhand	13	0.86	1.60	0.88	1.16	2.00
16.		506	21.44	28.55	20.77	25.07	39.93
17.	Kerala	29	2.27	4.50	2.03	6.82	7.50
18.	Ladakh	15	0.70	0.28	0.20	0.43	1.92
	(U.T.)						
19.	Madhya	291	8.09	12.50	15.00	16.25	22.90
	Pradesh						
20.	Maharashtra	286	17.9	20.98	18.16	24.49	39.04
21.	Manipur	01					
22.	Mizoram	01	0.84	1.00	1.31	1.25	2.00
23.	Tripura	08					
24.	N.C.T. Delhi	173	30.66	30.25	24.51	19.08	30.35
25.	Odisha	81	5.90	5.30	3.63	8.23	13.17
26.	Rajasthan	163	7.05	10.28	11.50	12.03	17.93
27.	Telangana	08	3.70	5.35	2.80	6.80	15.50
28.	Tamil Nadu	412					
29.	Puducherry	07	8.10	9.60	7.25	12.00	19.95
	(U.T.)						
30.	Uttar	743	15.95	22.35	22.22	42.24	63.53
	Pradesh						
31.	Uttarakhand	44	0.82	3.59	4.60	3.75	4.85
32.	West Bengal	135	9.69	8.10	7.37	12.57	17.16
33.	Sikkim	03	9.09	0.10	1.31	12.07	17.10