

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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SURVEY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN MADHYA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether any survey has been done to identify temples, stepwells and other monuments of historical value, in Madhya Pradesh, if so, details thereof;
- (b) Whether any grants have been released for the restoration/protection of these sites, if so, details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is aware that fossils of pre-historic animals have been found recently during construction of a bridge in and around Narmada Valley: and
- (d) steps taken by Government to conserve the fossils of immense historical and archaeological value from damage caused due to development activities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly conducts survey to identify monuments of historical value. The details of survey in Madhya Pradesh for last 3 years are as under:

Year	No. of sites
2021-22	15
2022-23	36
2023-24	19

- (b) ASI has released grants for restoration of Rock shelter and two stupa, Kharwai, Raisen, MP and Munj Talav, Mandu, Dhar, MP amounting to Rs. 24,44,655 and Rs 18,88,475 respectively.
- (c) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) is aware about the finding of fossils during the construction of infrastructure projects in and around Narmada Valley.
- (d) As soon as any information is received regarding the finding of fossils during developmental activities, due care is taken to conserve these fossils and fossil sites.
