

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3054
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

SECURITY OF ASI PROTECTED MONUMENTS

3054. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:
DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of security personnel for the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) monuments;
- (b) the details and number of incidents of vandalism in ASI protected monuments during the last five years, State-wise, including Odisha;
- (c) the expenditure incurred by Government for the upkeep and protection of ASI monuments;
- (d) the measures taken by Government to ensure the security of ASI protected monuments;
- (e) whether Government has taken steps to construct public utilities in ASI monument premises and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of ASI protected monuments in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No Sir. Besides 3507 Multi-Tasking Staff (MTS) staff who are also utilized for watch and ward duties as per requirement, the security is further strengthened by deployment of additional 2763 private security personnel. Further, for security of Red Fort, Delhi and Taj Mahal, Agra 592 Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel are deployed.
- (b) Details of incidents of vandalism in Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments during the past five years are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) Expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and maintenance of protected monuments and areas including expenditure incurred on security during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rupees in crore)
2021-22	413.09
2022-23	508.01
2023-24	585.85

- (d) MTS have been posted for watch and ward duties as per requirement at protected monuments and areas. Further, at selected monuments, private security personnel are also deployed. Further, for the security at Red Fort, Delhi and Taj Mahal, Agra CISF has been deployed.
- (e) Government has provided facilities for public utilities such as toilet, drinking water, braille signages, pathways, ramps, wheelchairs, Wi-fi, cafeteria, benches, etc. at protected monuments. Providing such facilities and upgrading them is a regular and continuous phenomenon.
- (f) There are 81 protected monuments and protected areas in the State of Odisha. The details are given at **Annexure-II**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3054 FOR 27.03.2025.

DETAILS OF INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM AT ASI PROTECTED MONUMENTS / PROTECTED AREAS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS (FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2020 TO CALENDAR YEAR 2024).

Sl. No	State / U.T.	Name of monuments	Incidents of Vandalism	Year
1.	Bihar	Loose Sculptures and Images atDatiyana, District Patna	Theft of sculpture of Vishnu	2022
2.	Delhi	Zaffar Mahal, Mehrauli, Delhi	Damage to jail of the monument	2023
		Red Fort, Delhi	Damage to Ticketing system, Entrance gate and RR Barrack	2021
3.	Karnataka	Sadasiva Temple, Nuggehalli, District Hassan	Theft of Copper Kalasha	2020
		Rameshwara Temple at Nadakalasi, DistrictShimoga	Theft of Modern Stone statue of Ganesha	2021
		Lakshminarasimha Temple at Marehalli, District Mandya	Theft of Stone idol of Ganesha	2022
		Ramling Temple, Aihole, District Bagalkot	The front portion of Ramling Temple has been damaged	2024
		Charanti Math (MurphadryavarGudi), Aihole, District Bagalkot	A part of the small temple in front of Charanti Math has been damaged	2024
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Two Temple ascribed to Gupta period, Dhamoni, District Panna	The digging hole into the platform of temple	2024
5.	Odisha	Sisupalgarh Fort, Bhubaneswar	Damage to ancient rampart wall of the Sisupalgarh fort, Bhubaneswar	2021
		Sisupalgarh Fort, Bhubaneswar.	Damageto theancient rampart wall on the western side of Sisupalgarh	2023
6.	Tamil Nadu	Parthasarathy and Krishna temples at Parthivapuram, Vilavancode, DistrictKannyakumari.	Theft of (1) one silver Tirumukam (Face mask) and (2) one silver Anki (Body kavacham)	2024
7.	Telangana	Char Minar, Hyderabad	One incident of Vandalism.	2022
8.	Uttarakhand	Mritunjaya Temple, Dwarahat, District Almora	One Shivlinga was vandalized	2021
9.	Uttar Pradesh	The half fallen fane of Chandi and shrine, Daulatpur, District Lalitpur	A part of the statue was vandalized	2022
		Fort of Kalinjar in District Banda	Part of a female statue/figurine in Kalinjar Fort was vandalized	2023

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3054 FOR 27.03.2025.

DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS IN THE STATE OF ODISHA.

Sl.No.	Name of the Monument / Site	Locality	District
1.	Bhingesvara Mahadeva temple	Bajrakot	Angul
2.	Rock-cut Vishnu	Rasol	Angul
3.	ChausattiJogini temple together with three minor shrines and adjacent land	Jharial	Bolangir
4.	Group of Temples	Ranipur-Jharial	Bolangir
5.	Tempes of Nilamadhava and Siddheswara	Gandharadhi	Boudh
6.	Paschima-Somanatha, Bhubaneswar and Kapilesvara Temples	Boudh Town	Boudh
7.	Ruined fortress	Agrahat, Jaj Bhairab, Kedarswar, Mundmal, Chaudar, Kapaleswar, Chhatisa, Bandals, Govind Jew Patna	Cuttack
8.	Ruins of the Buddhist temples and images	Bandaeswar	Cuttack
9.	The Ancient monuments of Barabati Fortress and the ruins and remains of all ancient edifices, gateways, etc., and excepting the Mosque	Cuttack	Cuttack
10.	Churangarh Fort locally known as Sarangarh	Dadhapatna	Cuttack
11.	AnanateshwarMahadev Temple	Lendura Bhagwanpur	Cuttack
12.	Pancha Pandava temple together with adjacent land	MaguraDhanmandal	Cuttack
13.	Ancient sites at Baneswaranasi	Padamal Pattana	Cuttack
14.	Sri Sri Mahimamani Dev	Ragadi	Cuttack
15.	Durga temple	Rameswar	Cuttack
16.	SimhanathaMahadeva temple	SimhanathaPitha, MauzaGopinathpur	Cuttack
17.	Temple of KapileswarMahadev	Hatuari	Dhenkanal
18.	Chandrasekhar Temple (Group of Monuments and Ancient Steps)	Kapilas	Dhenkanal
19.	KanakesvaraMahadev Temple and Group of Temples	Kualo	Dhenkanal
20.	Arnakotiswar alias UnnnakotiswarMahadev Temple	Latadeipur	Dhenkanal
21.	Ananta Sayi Vishnu	Sarang	Dhenkanal
22.	Monuments of Gangadara Swami	Kottakolla	Ganjam
23.	Jagadeswara Swami	Kottakolla	Ganjam
24.	Bhima temple	Mahendragiri	Ganjam
25.	Kunti temple	Mahendragiri	Ganjam
26.	Yudhistra temple	Mahendragiri	Ganjam
27.	Asoka Rock Inscriptions	Pandya	Ganjam
28.	Bhubaneswar Mahadev temple	Balia	Jagatsinghapur
29.	Ruins of Buddhist temples and images	Nalitgiri (Lalitgiri)	Jajpur
30.	The Monolith (a massive stone pillar)	Siriapur	Jajpur

	also called Chandeshwar Pillar	(In Jajpur town now)	
31.	Varahanatha Jew Temple	Bidhan (In Jajpur town now)	Jajpur
32.	Udayagiri Hill. Old hill containing many valuable sculptures, images and inscription, etc of Buddhist age. On the top, there is a math and a small temple of Mahakal	Chandia	jajpur
33.	Jagannath Temple including Mukteswar Temple, Snand Body Bhogasala and compound wall around the Temple including North and East Gates	Jajpur Town	Jajpur
34.	Ancient Buddhist Site, Langudi Hill	Langudi Hill, Mauza Salipur, Fazilpur and Panimuhani	Jajpur
35.	Old Hill containing many valuable sculptures and images	Ratnagiri	Jajpur
36.	Dharma Mahakal Temple	Ratnagiri	Jajpur
37.	The Mahratta bridge locally known as the Atharanulla (eighteen arches bridge) and also as Tentulimal bridge	Siriapur (In Jajpur town now)	Jajpur
38.	Four colossal images named: (i) Varahi, (ii) Chamunda, (iii) Indrani, (iv) Kalijuga in the compound of the sub divisional officer's quarters	Sub-Collector's residential complex (Town Jajpur)	Jajpur
39.	Trilochaneswar Mahadev Temple	Trilochanpur (In Jajpur town now)	Jajpur
40.	Vikramkhol rock inscriptions	Vikramkhol	Jharsuguda
41.	Ancient site of Asurgarh fort	Asurgarh	Kalahandi
42.	Ancient site of Asurgarh fort	Asurgarh	Kalahandi
43.	Paintings on the rock locally known as Ravana Chhaya and other ancient monuments and remains	Sitabhanji, Daguapasi villages	Keonjhar
44.	Daksha Prajapati temple together with adjacent land	Banpur	Khurda
45.	Bhaskareswar temple	Bargarh (In Bhubaneswar now)	Khurda
46.	Brahmeswar temple with its minor shrines in the compound	Bargarh (In Bhubaneswar now)	Khurda
47.	Nabakeswar Temple	Bargarh (In Bhubaneswar now)	Khurda
48.	Rameswar Temple	Bargarh (In Bhubaneswar now)	Khurda
49.	Magheswar temple with its minar shrine	Besuaghai (In Bhubaneswar now)	Khurda
50.	Anantha Basudeva temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
51.	Bakeswar temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
52.	Boital Temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
53.	Chitrakarni temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
54.	Jameswar temple with its minor shrines	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
55.	Lord Lingraj Temple with all the minor temples in the compound as given below- (i) Amania well, (ii) Astmurti (iii)	Bhubaneswar	Khurda

	Chandeswar Deb, (iv) Gopaluni temple (v) Ladukeswar temple, (vi) Parbati temple, (vii) Sabitri Devi temple, (viii) Sakreswar temple, (ix) Sathidosi temple		
56.	Maitreswar temple with all the minor temples in the compound	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
57.	Makareswar temple with its minor shrines	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
58.	Markundeswar temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
59.	Papnasini Tank together with adjacent area	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
60.	Paramguru temple together with adjacent area	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
61.	Parsurameswar temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
62.	Raja Rani temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
63.	Sari Deul No. 1	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
64.	Sidheswar temple	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
65.	Sisiresvara temple together with adjacent area	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
66.	Sahasralinga Tank	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
67.	Mukteswar temple with its minor shrines but excluding the MurichKunda.	Bhubaneswar	Khurda
68.	Rock inscription of the edicts of Asoka together with the stone built shelter in front and the elephant sculpture immediately above it	Dhauri	Khurda
69.	Small rock cut cell with a niche and an inscription of Santikara, a Bhauma King	Dhauri	Khurda
70.	ChausathJogini temple locally known as Mahamaya temple	Hirapur	Khurda
71.	All ancient caves, structures and other monuments or remains situated on the Udaygiri and the Khandagiri hills except the temple of Parasnath on the top of the Khandagiri hill and also the temple in front of the Barabhuji and the Trisula Caves	Jagmara	Khurda
72.	Ancient remains inside and outside the rampart, mostly buried	Sisupalgarh	Khurda
73.	Kapileswar Temple	Kapileswar	Khurda
74.	Prehistoric sites	Baidyapur	Mayurbhanj
75.	Ruins of ancient fort	Haripur	Mayurbhanj
76.	Prehistoric sites	Kuchai	Mayurbhanj
77.	Prehistoric sites	Kuliana	Mayurbhanj
78.	The Ancient Monument of the Black pagoda and the ruins and remains of all ancient edifices, images, structures, basements, pillars carvings, walls, gateways, etc.	Konark	Puri
79.	Varahi temple	Puri	Puri
80.	Bridge of eighteen openings over the Madhupur (alias Hulhulia) stream known as AtharaNala Bridge	Puri	Puri
81.	Shri Jagannath Temple and subsidiary shrines together with adjacent area	Puri	Puri