

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
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HERITAGE CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN ODISHA

3715. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified any new heritage sites in Odisha for conservation and restoration;
- (b) if so, the details of such sites, including proposed budgets and timelines for completion;
- (c) Whether there is any collaboration with international organizations or experts for these conservation efforts; and
- (d) the progress made under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities in Odisha?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 81 monuments/archaeological sites under the jurisdiction of Archaeological & Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Odisha. The Conservation of these monuments/sites
- (b) is taken up as per the need and availability of resources. However, no new heritage site in Odisha has been identified for conservation and restoration.
- (c) There is no collaboration with international organizations or experts for these conservation efforts. All conservation works at the ASI protected monuments are undertaken departmentally. If needed, help of institutions such as IITs, CBRI, etc., is taken up for technical assistance or monitoring purpose.
- (d) The Government of India has established the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) in 2007 to prepare two national register on monuments and antiquities from all across the country. So far NMMA has documented and published 7692 antiquities and 648 unprotected sites in Odisha through secondary sources.
