

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL SITES IN THE STATE OF SIKKIM

1312. SHRI DORJEE TSHERING LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the activities carried out for the development of cultural sites in the State of Sikkim since 2020, year-wise;
- (b) the details of the total amount allocated, spent and progress made with reference to above, year-wise and cultural site-wise for Sikkim from 2020 till date; and
- (c) whether Government has implemented any digital or technological initiatives, such as virtual tours or augmented reality experiences, to enhance the accessibility and awareness of cultural sites in Sikkim, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): There are three centrally protected monuments in the state of Sikkim which are maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Various activities from time to time are organized for the development of these cultural sites such as walkthroughs, talks, drawing and painting competitions for schoolchildren, photo exhibitions for visitors, and consultative meetings with locals. These events are held on various occasions, including World Heritage Day, World Tourism Day, World Heritage Week, International Yoga Day, and the International Day of Non-Violence, among others, to raise awareness and to sensitize people toward the protection of the country's age-old heritage. In addition, an Innovation Hub has also been established in 2020 at Gangtok by National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), Kolkata, an autonomous organization under Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

The details of activities carried out for development of these monuments/sites and expenditure incurred since financial year 2020-21 are attached at **Annexure**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) IN RESPECT OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1312 FOR REPLY ON 31.07.2025 REGARDING 'DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL SITES IN THE STATE OF SIKKIM'.

(A) Details of activities carried out for development of monuments/sites in the State of Sikkim and expenditure incurred since financial year 2020-21

Financial Year 2020-21

SI No.	Name of the Monuments	Name of the Works	Expenditure Incurred
Due to Corona period, no major conservation works was carried out in this financial year.			

Financial Year 2021-22

SI No.	Name of the Monuments	Name of the Works	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Dubdi Monastery	Restoration of pathway and Development of Dubdi Monastery 2021-22	18.00
2.	Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim	1. Upgradation of Pathway Main Road to monument site at Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim 2021-22	24.66
		2. Structural Repairing work of Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim 2021-22	24.69
3.	Coronation Throne at Norbugang	Restoration of Coronation Throne at Norbugang 2021-22	21.87

Financial Year 2022-23

SI No.	Name of the Monuments	Name of the Works	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim	Installation of Flag Mast at Rabdentse site of Ancient Capital of Sikkim	4.96

Financial Year 2023-24

SI No.	Name of the Monuments	Name of the Works	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim	Structural Repairing to Rabdentse Site at West Sikkim 2023-24	40.58

2.	Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim	Development and Maintenance of Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim in 2023-24	2.86
3.	Coronation Throne	Development of Coronation Throne in 2023-24.	2.34

Financial Year 2024-25

SI No.	Name of the Monuments	Name of the Works	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. In lakh)
1.	Rabdentse Ancient Capital of Sikkim	Structural Repairing & strengthening of structure and Restoration & Up-gradation of ancient capital site of Rabdentse Site ancient capital of Sikkim for 2024-25.	49.45

(B) Details of total amount spent by GoI for development of Innovation Hub in the state of Sikkim from 2020 till date:

(Rs. In lakh)

Sl. no.	Project name	FY							Remarks
		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (upto June, 2025)	Total	
1.	Innovation Hub at Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok	0.00	6.94 (1 st yearly recurring fund)	0.00	15.03 (2 nd & 3 rd yearly recurring fund)	0.00	0.00	21.97	Fund released to Sikkim Science Centre, Gangtok by NCSM.