

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2103
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES

2103. SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:
DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is taking measures for conservation and protection of monuments across the country;
- (b) if so, the details including repair, restoration and structural stabilization works using modern tools such as LiDAR mapping, GIS and drone-based surveys;
- (c) whether Government has proposed integrated and phased development of heritage sites and if so, the details of sites planned for completion by 2025-26 along with the estimated expenditure thereof;
- (d) whether awareness and capacity-building programmes have been initiated; and
- (e) if so, the outcomes of such initiatives?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir. There are 3685 centrally protected monuments/ sites under the jurisdiction of to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country. Conservation, preservation and
- (c) maintenance of these centrally protected monuments and sites is a continuous process and works are taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation. Modern tools such as LiDAR mapping, GIS and drone-based surveys are adopted for repair, restoration and structural stabilization works of monument/site as per requirement.
- (d) ASI provides training to in-service personnel (archaeological and others) from time to time as part of the capacity building measures of ASI. Further, in the past, ASI had
- (e) organized several short-term training programs/workshops for the ASI personnel and even for that of other universities/institutions/State departments. Such workshops cover subjects like Lithic tools, Epigraphy, Structural & Chemical Conservation, Group-A officers training, Training on RTI Act, GFR, CCS (Conduct) Rules, Vigilance and Disciplinary Proceedings.

ASI organises many programmes to promote awareness about the culture and heritage on the occasion of World Heritage Day, World Heritage week etc.
