

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.503**  
ANSWERED ON 04/12/2025

**REVIVAL OF HERITAGE SITES**

**503. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of retrieved antiquities from the foreign countries;
- (b) whether Government has implemented conservation and development projects for the revival of heritage sites across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether actions have been taken for digitization of cultural heritage of the country; and
- (e) if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) A total of 655 antiquities have been retrieved from foreign countries since 1976.
- (b)&(c) No such special projects for conservation and development of heritage sites has been initiated. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up conservation and maintenance work of 3,685 ancient monuments and archaeological sites of national importance including provision of amenities like drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways and landscaping etc. across the country. Maintenance of these monuments and sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need and availability of resources.
- (d)&(e) The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, established in 2007, has documented and published data for 11,406 Built Heritage and Sites, and 12,46,211 Antiquities. The data has been published at the NMMA website [www.nmma.nic.in](http://www.nmma.nic.in)

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