

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*211
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS IN WEST BENGAL

*211. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR RAY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected monuments in West Bengal;
- (b) the details of such monuments that are ticketed;
- (c) the passenger footfall in such monuments and the revenue generated since 2023, year-wise, monument-wise and district-wise; and
- (d) the funds released and utilised by ASI towards conservation and maintenance of such monuments since 2023, year-wise and monument-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the table of the House

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
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SEKHAR RAY, HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT REGARDING
PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS IN WEST BENGAL**

- (a) There are 135 monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the State of West Bengal, which are maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The details are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b)&(c) There are 04 protected monuments in the State of West Bengal under Archeological Survey of India where entry fee is charged. The details including footfall and revenue collected out of sale of entry ticket are given at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) The conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and protected areas (sites) is carried out as per requirement, priority and availability of resources, which is a regular phenomenon, following the National Conservation Policy, 2014. Monument-wise expenditure incurred on conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and areas located in the State of West Bengal since 2023 is given at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.211* FOR 12.03.2026.

DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND AREAS (SITES) UNDER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN STATE OF WEST BENGAL AND THEIR CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE SINCE 2022-23.

(Amount in rupees)

Sl. No	Name of Monument / Site	District	Expenditure 2022-23	Expenditure 2023-24	Expenditure 2024-25	Expenditure 2025-26 (iii)
1.	Ancient Temple	Bankura	139596	3493710	2143052	314562
2.	Brindaban Chandra Temple,	Bankura	2118318	54353	95039	--
3.	Radha Damodar Temple	Bankura	220336	242397	202273	118682
4.	Dalmadal Gun and the platform on which it is mounted	Bankura	168542	161510	118255	139628
5.	Gate of Old Fort	Bankura	2217757	164353	118255	138180
6.	Jora Mandir	Bankura	3167836	903940	574027	441890
7.	Jore-Bungla Temple	Bankura	1788614	236596	708101	399788
8.	Kala Chand Temple	Bankura	2496870	1070713	1186474	802729
9.	Lalji Temple	Bankura	2540534	223810	307897	429720
10.	Madan Gopal Temple	Bankura	158445	2754885	118255	141265
11.	Madanmohan Temple	Bankura	593438	352726	118255	148729
12.	Maleswar Temple	Bankura	315221	280453	182740	139358
13.	Muralimohan Temple	Bankura	211546	326527	117503	148729
14.	Nanda Lal Temple	Bankura	1994452	440343	319713	314585
15.	Patpur Temple	Bankura	121614	797885	372102	285431
16.	Radhabinode Temple	Bankura	--	210298	90520	--
17.	Radhagovinda Temple	Bankura	1975746	263809	243042	159774
18.	Radhamadhab Temple	Bankura	2562088	642493	1261845	235381
19.	Radhashyam Temple	Bankura	1748528	458577	308370	188797
20.	Rashmancha	Bankura	3142970	1452217	1398235	870056
21.	Shyam Rai Temple	Bankura	2894810	874469	322669	292247
22.	Small Gateway of Fort	Bankura	--	41600	95062	78412
23.	Stone Chariot	Bankura	-	46840	100136	74404
24.	Saileswar Temple	Bankura	121577	304496	621653	2099261
25.	Sareswar Temple	Bankura	1006681	16941127	5704557	616163
26.	Temple of Radha Damodar Jew	Bankura	115355	484447	190765	142542

27.	Gokulchand Temple	Bankura	2745802	277690	306970	269527
28.	Temple of Ratneswar	Bankura	--	157496	95061	82716
29.	Temple of Shyam Sundar	Bankura	--	12166	186820	84408
30.	Temple site now represented only by a Mound and a Statue of Surya.	Bankura	--	--	--	--
31.	Temple site of an old Jain Temple now represented only by a Mound with a Jain statue.	Bankura	--	---	----	---
32.	Image of Durga slaying Mahisasura under a tree	Bankura	---	----	----	---
33.	Temple site now represented only by a Mound	Bankura	--	--	--	--
34.	Temple site now represented only by a Mound with statues of Ganesh and Nandi on it.	Bankura	----	----	----	---
35.	Temple site now represented only by a Mound with an Image of Nandi on it.	Bankura	----	----	---	---
36.	Rock Inscription of Chandra Varman	Bankura	3923	148292	95037	88568
37.	Two Mounds	Birbhum	31891	208721	182631	122313
38.	Temple of Radha Binode commonly known as Joydeb.	Birbhum	607797	229452	425414	208091
39.	Old temple of Dharmaraj	Birbhum	118629	238789	210950	194921
40.	The temple of Basuli and the mound together with fourteen other temples near them containing the "Linga" image of Siva	Birbhum	155762	351059	247726	184962
41.	Temple and Rasmancha	Birbhum	409208	228658	146201	195099
42.	Two Ancient Temples (Joined together)	Burdwan	1803331	374161	149206	182445
43.	Rudreswar Temple	Burdwan	180485	234507	204326	193293
44.	Group of four Ancient Temples	Burdwan	284716	3113692	6835010	778666
45.	Ancient Mound	Burdwan	154367	237954	310182	2411019

46.	The tombs of Baharam Sakka, Sher Afgan and Nawab Kutabuddin	Burdwan	150700	251257	190461	230941
47.	Jain Brick Temple known as Sat-Deul	Burdwan	189859	757121	577701	569013
48.	Stone Temple	Burdwan	38450	246426	305797	229430
49.	Temple of Ichai Ghose	Burdwan	301416	254883	490833	198559
50.	Group of Temples (12 nos. Temples) (i) Bijoy Vaidyanath Temple, (ii) Giri Gobardhan Temple, (iii) Gopalji Temple, (iv) Jaleswar Temple, (v) Krishna Chandraji Temple, (vi) Lalji Temple, (vii) Naba-Kailasha Temple, (viii) Pancharatna Temple, (ix) Pratapeswar Siva Temple in Rajbari Complex, (x) Rameswar Temple, (xi) Ratneswar Temple, (xii) Rupeswar Temple	Burdwan	2794842	2450734	5518413	2738924
51.	The area situated between the road to Amlajore and the river Damodar	Burdwan	33880	328301	185872	169805
52.	Ancient Site and Remains of Pandurajar Dhipi	Burdwan	5502243	232051	148427	191906
53.	Hansesvari and Vasudeva Temples	Hooghly	833452	1394588	923604	1372050
54.	Dupleix Palace (Institute de Chandan Nagar)	Hooghly	1676692	1097051	1046091	1697793
55.	Dutch Cemetery together with all tombs & monuments contained therein	Hooghly	591957	1344414	4733773	949060
56.	Dutch Memorial monument of Susenne Anne Maria	Hooghly	862249	769244	304312	506838
57.	Group of temples known as Brindaban Chandra's Math	Hooghly	228296	251584	281976	253549

58.	Mounds	Hooghly	167668	187551	168943	168581
59.	Minar	Hooghly	38037	231013	410731	326786
60.	Mosque	Hooghly	226746	256214	224459	196429
61.	Mosque & Tombs	Hooghly	226049	220818	412514	133155
62.	i) Danish Cemetery ii) All ancient structures, all tombs stone monument remains and inscriptions within the area enclosed by the said walls.	Hooghly	607149	881507	510444	--
63.	Dargah of Zafar Khan Ghazi	Hooghly	620451	938998	850680	763193
64.	Sri Mayer Ghat	Howrah	524088	348935	255796	261933
65.	Currency Building	Kolkata	15227805	13881347	2923799	3805695
66.	St. John's Church	Kolkata	1171263	1219832	433414	345750
67.	Metcalf Hall	Kolkata	6493469	5976832	3664638	3647032
68.	Old Building of the Asiatic Society	Kolkata	1653103	1413789	1456011	1868623
69.	Beth-el-Synagogue	Kolkata	1231564	711073	317698	415973
70.	Maghen David Synagogue	Kolkata	1177293	596763	143028	311638
71.	Dharmaraj Temple	Midanapur	--	--	138820	84705
72.	Temples of Bandyopadhyay Family	Midanapur	84330	213136	183497	145729
73.	Sitala Temples	Midanapur	--	--	137820	74391
74.	Nava Ratna Temple Complex	Midanapur	195890	242309	707990	141163
75.	Karambera Fort	Midnapore	2967706	1793957	771649	2654982
76.	John Pierce's Tomb	Midnapore	177511	224689	330818	111755
77.	Ruins of Fort	Nadia	203715	265410	272865	251365
78.	Temple	Nadia	539841	494648	223171	187843
79.	Warren Hasting's House	North 24 Parganas	7202426	1108621	680262	702350
80.	26 Shiva Temples	North 24 Parganas	1416027	5176222	830142	1210036
81.	Chandra Ketu's Fort	North 24 Parganas	426893	489952	378573	384439
82.	Ancient Mound known as Varahamihirer Dhipi	North 24 Parganas	285535	338491	251532	471348
83.	Clive's House known as Barakothi	North 24 Parganas	636580	759474	527250	619295
84.	Tamluk Rajbati, West Bengal	Purba Medinipur	710759	619459	708683	231840
85.	Old Temple at Banda	Purulia	2386593	384384	183524	140673
86.	Temple at Jhater Deul	South 24 Parganas	228189	438005	173194	401633
87.	Cooch Behar Palace	Cooch Behar	15445091	3458167	5965184	11305707
88.	Rajpat Site	Cooch Behar	584435	375614	910150	6498545

89.	Tomb of Alexander-Cosma de Koros	Darjeeling	118110	27991	143285	96262
90.	Tomb of General Lloyd	Darjeeling	195206	110313	142588	97752
91.	Mounds	Dinajpur (South)	208577	96285	803241	5586895
92.	Dargah of Shah Ata	Dinajpur (South)	180047	142515	836527	743136
93.	Baisgazi Wall	Malda	806841	263026	209906	189104
94.	Baraduary Masjid or the Great Golden Mosque	Malda	4218685	803320	545443	1035370
95.	Bhita of Chand Sadagar	Malda	634544	564830	215324	412218
96.	Chamkatti Masjid	Malda	673630	550169	927751	609642
97.	Chika Masjid	Malda	1031615	973522	1905209	1693614
98.	Dakhil Darwaza or the northern Gate of the Fort	Malda	5016755	3101296	971382	978369
99.	Firoz Minar or the tower of Firoz Shab	Malda	521369	458785	742737	1028596
100.	Gunti gateway	Malda	653792	508608	625895	533144
101.	Gunmant Mosque	Malda	831707	970709	1074113	1319339
102.	Kotowali Darwaza	Malda	451277	459975	3896114	817320
103.	Lotton Masjid	Malda	3268049	409275	309609	348055
104.	Lukachuri gateway	Malda	901905	3589452	418701	184280
105.	Qudam Rasul Masjid	Malda	649796	720839	471716	602304
106.	Tomb of Fath Khan	Malda	642745	454777	796637	641003
107.	Tantipara Masjid	Malda	3644524	876294	1091301	1143176
108.	Two tombs in front of Tantipara Masjid	Malda	720964	371584	769393	1296797
109.	Two Stone Pillars	Malda	178635	143971	770194	1332564
110.	The tower of Nimasarai	Malda	148650	177814	762734	650311
111.	Eklakhi Mausoleum	Malda	348767	2977487	1058902	900160
112.	Kutub Shahi Masjid	Malda	325886	2542765	85849	155279
113.	Adina Mosque	Malda	9521711	3650436	1019279	1632448
114.	Tomb of Azimunnessa Begum, daughter of Murshid Kuli Khan	Murshidabad	194140	1492759	848030	974755
115.	Residency Cemetery also known as Station Burial ground	Murshidabad	441101	4375744	441552	281775
116.	Bhavanisvar Mandir	Murshidabad	80002	489369	458177	250596
117.	Char Bangla group of four Siva mandirs	Murshidabad	292813	1507618	3702056	418762
118.	Tomb of Mir Madan	Murshidabad	80003	235246	16956	--
119.	Dutch Cemetery	Murshidabad	80003	345466	504863	227435

120.	Old English Cemetary or the old Residency burial-ground	Murshidabad	79379	346300	465566	339358
121.	Ancient Monument	Murshidabad	153805	401224	32103	--
122.	The tomb and the mosque of Aliverdi Khan and the tomb of Seraj-ud-Dowla	Murshidabad	2381894	4301759	921864	1481903
123.	Hazarduari Palace & Imambara (Murshidabad)	Murshidabad	5444201	14589019	18019971	4382173
124.	South Gate, Kella Nezamat	Murshidabad	75628	314494	257077	101882
125.	Immambara, Kella Nezamat	Murshidabad	1840837	6849814	648920	605235
126.	White Mosque, Kella Nezamat	Murshidabad	96661	1004211	264680	116823
127.	Yellow Mosque with vacant land	Murshidabad	98350	235896	254580	261259
128.	Tripolia Gate, Kella Nizammat	Murshidabad	80004	219189	260755	114102
129.	Nil Kuthi Mound	Murshidabad	153168	415204	33419	--
130.	Motijhil Jama Masjid	Murshidabad	171285	526446	483173	4682942
131.	Two mounds called the Barkona Deul mound	Murshidabad	80002	203783	16956	--
132.	Mounds known as the Devil's Mound and Raja Karna's Palace	Murshidabad	778778	4159677	1744929	971190
133.	Tomb of Sujauddin	Murshidabad	1190050	643050	618359	702677
134.	Tank & Mosque of Murhsid Kuli Khan	Murshidabad	1448343	2175929	905001	1039374
135.	Jahan Kosa Gun	Murshidabad	80002	286339	257795	176225

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b)&(c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 211 FOR 12.03.2026.

DETAILS OF FOOTFALL AND REVENUE EARNED FROM THE PROTECTED TICKETED MONUMENTS UNDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL SINCE 2022-23.

(Amount in rupees)

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Dist rict	2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-26 (till December, 2025)	
			footfall	Revenue	footfall	Revenue	footfall	Revenue	footfall	Revenue
1	Cooch Bihar Palace	Cooch Behar	608874	15192515	685366	17119905	682704	17050295	478751	11940770
2	Hazarduari Palace	Murshidabad	911484	22632860	984479	24883725	908899	23141470	640776	16156400
3	Bishnupur Temples	Bankura	186105	4671865	197455	4962641	183663	4645605	118280	2953300
4	Metcalfe Hall	Kolkata	17936	424845	22849	491331	32505	684910	37112	811140
