

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1467
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.02.2026

CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS IN J&K

1467 SHRI SAT PAUL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India is taking measures for conservation and protection of monuments in J&K;
- (b) if so, the details of repair, restoration and structural stabilization works being carried out in J&K using modern tools such as LiDAR mapping, GIS, drone-based surveys;
- (c) whether Government has proposed integrated and phased development of heritage sites in J&K;
- (d) if so, the details of sites planned for completion by 2025-26 along with the estimated expenditure;
- (e) whether awareness and capacity-building programmes have been initiated for conservation of heritage sites in J&K; and
- (f) if so, the outcomes in promoting tourism and preserving cultural heritage in J&K?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 56 Centrally Protected Monuments under care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Jammu & Kashmir. ASI undertakes regular conservation, preservation and protection of Centrally Protected Monuments under its jurisdiction in J&K.
- (b) Repair, restoration and structural stabilization works are being carried out regularly at various monuments as per the need and availability of resources. However, the use of modern documentation tools such as LiDAR mapping, GIS and drone-based surveys have been proposed for selected monuments, including the Group of Temples at Naranag, Sun Temple Martand, and the Ancient Temple at Buniyar, for detailed documentation and future conservation planning.

- (c) ASI has proposed integrated and phased development of selected heritage sites in Jammu & Kashmir with emphasis on conservation, visitor amenities and heritage awareness.
- (d) The list of monuments where conservation/development works are planned for completion during financial year 2025-26 till date is enclosed at Annexure-I. The allocation and expenditure during the year 2025-26 is given below.

(In Crores)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure upto 27.01.2026
2025-26	5.75	4.97

- (e) Heritage awareness and capacity-building programmes are being undertaken through outreach activities, involvement of local communities and education institutions.
- (f) These initiatives have resulted in enhanced public awareness and promotion of tourism while ensuring preservation of the cultural heritage of Jammu & Kashmir.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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The details of sites planned for completion by 2025-26

Sl. No.	Name of Monument	Name of work
Conservation works		
01.	Akhnoor fort Akhnoor, District Jammu	S/R to Akhnoor Fort Akhnoor
02.	Pratapswamin temple, Tapper Baramulla	S/R to Pratapswamin temple, Tapper
03.	Avantisvara temple, Avantipur, Pulwama	S/R to Avantisvara temple, Avantipur
04.	Hari Hara Shiva Temple, Billawar, Kathua	S/R to Hari Hara Shiva Temple, Billawar
05.	Trilochan Nath temple, Mahadera, Basholi Kathua	S/R to Trilochan Nath temple, Mahadera, Basholi
06.	Ancient Stupa, Monastery and Chaitya at Parihaspora Baramulla	S/R to West Side Stupa at Parihaspora Pattan
07.	Group of arched terraces at Pari Mahal, Srinagar	S/R to Restoration of stair case at Group of Arched terraces Structural Pari Mahal
08.	Sugandesha temple Baramulla	S/R to Sugandesha temple Pattan
09.	Mughal Arcade Verinag, District Anantnag	S/R to Mughal Arcade Verinag
10.	Ancient Stupa, Monastery and Chaitya at Parihaspora Baramulla Baramulla	S/R to Main structure & laying of stone in Apron of Chaitya at Parihaspora Pattan
11.	Zaina – ul Abdin’s Mothers tomb, Zaina Kadal, Srinagar	S/R to Zaina – ul Abdin’s Mothers tomb, Zaina Kadal, Srinagar
12.	Akhoon Mulla Shah, Mosque	S/R to Akhoon Mulla Shah, Mosque
13.	Group of temples at Naranag	S/R to Group of temples at Naranag
Development works		
15.	Avantisvara temple, Avantipur, Pulwama	S/R to Avantisvara temple, Avantipur
16.	Hari Hara Shiva Temple, Billawar, Kathua	S/R to Hari Hara temple Billawar
17.	Mughal Arcade Verinag, District Anantnag	Development of amenities at Mughal Arcade Verinag
18.	Ancient temple Martand	Upgradation of pathway & fixing of CCTV Cameras at Ancient temple Martand
19.	Avantiswamin temple Avantipur	Job work under up-gradation of toilet block and ticket counter at Avantiswamin temple Avantipur
20	Ancient Palace at Ramnagar	Job work under up-gradation of existing grill fencing over dwarf wall on southern side of the Ancient Palace at Ramnagar