

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2274
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

MONUMENT CONSERVATION IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of monument conservation projects approved and completed in Andhra Pradesh since 2021;
- (b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised by the Archaeological Survey of India for conservation works in the State during this period;
- (c) whether any proposals have been received for private sector participation in monument conservation under the National Culture Fund or similar models and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to ensure time-bound approvals, effective monitoring and accountability in conservation projects in Andhra Pradesh?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 135 centrally protected monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of & Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Conservation and
- (b) maintenance works of these monuments/sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation. All these monuments/sites are in a good state of preservation. Details of fund sanctioned and utilised by ASI, for conservation works in the State of Andhra Pradesh during for the last five years are given below:-

(Amount in Lakhs)

S. No.	Financial year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2020-21	457	456
2.	2021-22	575	575
3.	2022-23	1160	1160
4.	2023-24	1470	1470
5.	2024-25	1290	1290

The details of conservation works carried out in Andhra Pradesh since 2021 are given in Annexure-I

- (c) There is no such proposal received for private sector participation in monument conservation under the National Culture Fund or similar models.
- (d) The proposals under the Annual Conservation Plan (ACP) & estimates are processed and approved through the designated portal. Monthly physical progress and expenditure reports are regularly obtained and reviewed. Further, periodic review meetings and site inspections are conducted to monitor the progress of conservation works and to ensure the timely completion of the projects across the country including the state of Andhra Pradesh.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2274 FOR 12.03.2026

The details of conservation works carried out in Andhra Pradesh since 2021

2021-22

S. No	Name of the monument	Name of the work
1.	Vaidyanatha swamy group of temples at pushpagiri	Repairs to main gopura and conservation works in vaidyanatha swamy group of temples at pushpagiri, kadapa district, a.p.
2.	Fort with enclosed ancient buildings, madhavaperumal temple and tower known as madarasala, gandikota	Comprehensive conservation project of fort with enclosed ancient buildings, madhavaperumal temple and tower known as madarasala, gandikota, dist yrs kadapa, a.p.
3.	Chintalaraya swamy temple, tadipatri	Repairs to chintalaraya swamy temple, tadipatri, anantapuramu district, andhra pradesh.
4.	Bhavanarayana swamy temple at bapatla,	Reconstruction of radhasala and compound wall of sri bhavanarayana swamy temple at bapatla, guntur dist, a.p.
5.	Uma mahesvaraswami temple, yaganti, kurnool	Comprehensive conservation work of uma mahesvaraswami temple, yaganti, kurnool, andhra pradesh.
6.	Sri bhimeswara swamy temple at draksharamam	Conservation of sri bhimeswara swamy temple at draksharamam, east godavari dist., a.p.

2022-23

S. No	Name of the monument	Name of the work
1.	Mallikarjuna temple, at kambaduru	Repairs to mallikarjuna(siva) temple, kambaduru, anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
2.	Veerabhadra temple, at lepakshi	Providing access to differently abled and old aged visitors at eastern entrance at veerabhadra temple, lepakshi, ananthapuramu dist., a.p
3.	Hill fort, at ratnagiri	Restoration of fallen fortress wall on southern direction and western direction of hill fortress, ratnagiri anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
4.	Veerabhadra temple, at lepakshi	Water tightening to sree veerabhadra swamy temple, at lepakshi, dist:- anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
5.	Hill fort, at madakasira	Restoration of fallen fortress wall, hill fort, madakasira, anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
6.	Hill fort, at penukonda	Restoration of fallen fortress wall , hill fort, penukonda, anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
7.	Ramalingeswara swamy temple, at satiavolu	Repair of ramalingeswara group of temples, satiavolu, prakasam dist, andhra pradesh
8.	Hill fort, at udayagiri	Minor repairs to the fort and rank vegetation clearance for providing approach way, udayagiri fort, prakasham dist, andhra pradesh
9.	Bhavanarayana swamy temple, at bapatla	Reconstruction of radhasala and compound wall of sri bhavanarayana swamy temple at bapatla, guntur dist, a.p
10.	Bhimeswara swamy temple, at draksharamam	Conservation of sri kumara rama bhimeswaraswamy temple, samalkot, east godavari, andhra pradesh, a.p.

2023-24

S. No	Name of the monument	Name of the work
1.	Chintalarayaswamy temple, at tadipatri	Repairs to prakara wall and water tightening to the cloister mandapa of sri chintalarayaswamy temple, tadipatri, distanantapuramu, andhra pradesh
2.	Veerabhadra temple, at lepakshi	Water tightening to sree veerabhadra swamy temple, at lepakshi, dist:- anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
3.	Fort, sidhout, at kadapa	Comprehensive conservation work of fort with ancient buildings enclosed therein, sidhout, kadapa ysr district, a.p.
4.	Ruined buddhist stupa and other remains, at amaravati	Repairs to the roof of the colonial building at amaravati, palnadu district, andhra pradesh.
5.	Bhimesvara temple, at draksharama	Restoration and repairs to the damaged flooring and walls of manikyamba temple, at bhimeswara temple, draksharamam
6.	Buddhist rock-cut stupas, dagabas and caves and the ruins of a structural chaitya with its outbuilding and other ancient remains on two adjoining hills known as bojjanna konda, at sankaram	Repairs, water tightening and strengthening of rock cut caves and remains of buddhist stupa, chaitya, viharas on the hill bojjannakonda, at sankaram, anakapalli dist. A.p
7.	Gandikota fort, gandikota, at kadapa	Conservation to old existing pathways to the interior structures of gandikota fort, ysr district, a.p
8.	Sri bhimeswaraswamy temple, at samalkota	Upgradation of puskarani(ancient water bodies) of sri bhimeswaraswamy temple at samalkota (bhimavaram) east godavari dist.
9.	Uma maheswaraswamy temple, at yaganti	Repairs to peddakoneru at uma maheswara swami temple yaganti, kurnool, andhra pradesh
10.	Hill top, at nagarjunakonda	Repairs to fallen/missing breaches of south end of inner fort wall on hill top at nagarjunakonda, pal nadu, a.p.
11.	Uma maheswaraswamy temple, at yaganti	Repairs to restoration of bulged out prakara wall at uma maheswaraswami temple, yaganti, kurnool , andhra pradesh
12.	Sri ranganyakula temple, at udayagiri	Repairs to inner prakara wall of sri ranganyakula temple, udayagiri, spsr nellore, andhra pradesh
13.	Sri ranganyakula temple, at udayagiri	Repairs to cloister mandapa on north mandapa on north- west corner of sri ranganyakula temple, u dayagiri, spsr nellore, andhra pradesh
14.	Ramalingeswara group of temples, at sativolu	Repairs to sri bhimalingeswara subshrine at ramalingeswara group of temples, sativolu, prakasam.
15.	Reconstructed monuments at anupu and nagarjunakonda hill top, at anupu	Repairs to brick structures of amphitheatre at anupu, guntur dist., a.p.
16.	Hill fort, at ratnagiri	Restoration of fallen fortress wall on southern direction and western direction of hill fortress, ratnagiri anantapuramu, andhra pradesh
17.	Bhavanarayana swamy temple, at bapatla	Repair of sri bhavanarayanawami temple, bapatla, guntur, andhra pradesh

2024-25

S. No	Name of the monument	Name of the work
1.	Lower fort, at chandragiri	Special repairs to raja mahal, rani mahal and western gate way entrance mandapa at lower fort, chandragiri, tirupathi dt. A.p.- work is progress
2.	Uma-mahesvaraswami temple, at yaganti	Repairs to old cave temples, yaganti, nandyal district, andhra pradesh
3.	Rameswaraswami temple, at tadipatri	Conservation to fallen roof of kalyanamandapa at rameswaraswami temple, tadipatri, anantapuramu, andhra pradesh for the year 2023-24.
4.	Uma maheswaraswamy temple, at yaganti	Conservation of Sri uma maheswaraswamy temple, yaganti, nandyal district, a.p.
5.	Ruined buddhist stupa, at bhattiprolu	Structural repairs to buddhist stupa at bhattiprolu, palnadudist, a.p.
6.	Hill of nagarjunakonda with the ancient remains, at pullareddy gudem (agraharam)	Repairs to brick structures of simhalavihar on hill top at nagarjunakonda, guntur dist, a.p.
7.	Hill fort, at madakasira	Conservation of ancient water tank (unprotected monument) at madakasira, ananthapuramu district, andhra pradesh a.p.
8.	Chola temple, at motupalle	Repairs to chola temple, motupalle, bapatla district, andhra pradesh.
9.	Chintalaraya swamy temple, at tadipatri,	Repairs to chintalarayaswamy temple, tadipatri, andhra pradesh.

2025-26

S. No	Name of the monument	Name of the work
1.	Bhimesvara temple, at draksharama	Upgradation of puskarani (ancient water bodies) of sri bhimeswara swamy temple at draksharamam, dr. B.r. ambedkar konaseem dist. Andhra pradesh-work is progress
2.	Mahal, at gurramkonda	Conservation and special repairs to rangini mahal at gurramkonda, annamayya district, andhra pradesh- work is progress
3.	Parasurameswara temple, at gudimallam	Water tightening to the roof of parasurameswara temple at gudimallam, tirupathi district, andhra pradesh-work is progress
4.	Bandar fort: 1. Armoury known as port and customs office, 2. Belfry, masulipatnam (bandar)	Conservation and repairs to armoury hall at bandar fort, machilipatnam, andhra pradesh.
5.	Nandavaram temple including the sculpture of subrahmanya, at nandavaram	Repairs to nandavaram temple including the sculpture of subrahmanya, nandavaram, nandyal district, andhra pradesh
6.	Lower fort, at chandragiri	Restoration of fallen fortification wall and bastions on southern side of fort at lower fort, chandragiri, dist. Tirupati, andhra pradesh.- work is progress
7.	Ramalingesvara group of temples, at satiavel	Repairs to sri ramalingeswara group of temples, satiavolu, prakasam, andhra pradesh
8.	Saumyanatha temple, at nandaluru	Conservation to fallen prakhara wall and other repairs at saumyanatha temple, nandalur, annamayya district, andhra pradesh- work is progress
9.	Rameswaraswami temple, at tadipatri	Conservation to the western side of the cloister mandapa and stucco plastering to the vimanagopuras of rameswaraswami temple, tadipatri, anantapuramu, a.p.- work is progress