

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2276
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

CONSERVATION OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the condition of centrally protected monuments and heritage sites across the country;
- (b) the findings of most recent assessments carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India and related agencies;
- (c) the funds allocated and utilised for conservation, restoration and maintenance works, State-wise and monument-wise;
- (d) the role of private agencies, public-private partnerships and corporate social responsibility initiatives in upkeep and preservation; and
- (e) the reasons why many heritage sites continue to deteriorate despite budgetary allocations and the steps proposed to ensure sustainable conservation, enhanced monitoring and protection of India's cultural heritage?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
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- (a) There are 3686 centrally protected monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of
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- (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) across the country. Conservation and preservation work of these monuments/sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need and availability of resources and is subject to the National Policy for Conservation. All these monuments/sites are regularly inspected by the ASI officers/officials from time to time to review the condition and accordingly conservation, restoration and maintenance works are carried out. All monuments/sites are in a good state of preservation.

- (c) The state-wise funds allocated and utilised for conservation, restoration and maintenance work during the last five financial years and current financial year are given at Annexure I.
- (d) The Adopt A Heritage 2.0 program, exclusively for protected monuments of national importance, is launched by the ASI to create a framework for engagement with private /public sector companies and NGOs/ Trusts/ Societies, etc., to develop/provide amenities at protected monuments; to enhance visitors' experience and make them visitor-friendly. The role of stakeholders or partnered entities is limited to the engagement in the non-conservational aspects viz., cleaning of monument premises, besides providing and maintaining basic tourist amenities like washrooms, drinking water, child care room, benches, pathways, garbage bins, signage, Sound and Light shows, illumination, etc. under the guidance and due consultation with ASI. As of date, under this program, a total of 30 MoUs have been signed. The details are attached herewith as Annexure II.
- (e) ASI takes up conservation and restoration work of centrally protected monuments/sites as per the need of the monuments/sites and as per the availability of resources. There is no monument in deteriorating condition under the jurisdiction of ASI.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2276 FOR 12.03.2026.

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26 (up to 05.03.2026)	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	13.00	12.96	19.35	19.35	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90	16.30	14.22
		Jhansi	1.00	1.00	4.15	4.15	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10	8.95	8.81
		Lucknow	3.88	3.88	10.44	10.44	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91	8.30	8.14
		Sarnath	4.38	4.38	5.50	5.50	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32	7.62	7.62	10.21	10.10
		Meerut	0.00	0.00	2.80	2.80	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64	6.90	5.86
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	3.16	3.16	8.00	7.99	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60	10.80	9.51
		Mumbai	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19	17.94	14.57
		Nagpur	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60	15.50	13.73
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	5.27	5.27	9.75	9.75	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55	12.50	10.52
		Hampi	9.10	9.10	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52	8.28	7.79
		Dharwad	6.40	6.40	7.32	7.32	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46	6.45	5.73
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30	13.00	12.52
		Jabalpur	3.50	3.50	4.75	4.75	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99	6.45	5.42
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri	3.63	3.63	8.23	8.23	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37	10.50	7.83
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	6.03	6.02	7.67	7.57	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01	5.10	4.68
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	1.35	1.35	5.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10	8.40	7.68
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puduchery	Chennai	5.25	5.25	8.00	8.00	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14	11.20	9.94
		Trichy	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.00	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80	6.20	5.17
9.	Punjab	Chandigarh	0.80	0.80	1.50	1.50	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	12.20	12.09
10.	Haryana	Shimla	1.25	1.25	1.15	1.15	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79	2.10	2.10
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	20.82	20.82	19.10	19.08	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94	42.71	35.99
		Delhi Mini Circle	3.69	3.69	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
12.	Goa	Goa	3.70	3.70	7.00	7.00	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	5.40	5.22
13.	Assam	Guwahati	3.04	3.04	3.30	3.30	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71	4.76	4.21
	Meghalaya													
	Nagaland													
	Arunachal Pradesh													
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	1.31	1.31	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.30	1.09
	Mizoram													
	Tripura													
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	7.40	7.40	7.53	7.53	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91	9.00	7.34
		Jodhpur	4.10	4.10	4.50	4.50	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24	8.70	7.81
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	2.80	2.80	7.00	6.80	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77	13.45	10.67
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	4.57	4.57	5.75	5.75	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90	15.35	15.34
18.	Bihar	Patna	1.23	1.23	3.35	3.35	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73	15.00	14.86
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar	0.80	0.80	2.55	2.55	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89	5.95	5.82
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh	0.20	0.20	0.43	0.43	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20	4.65	4.50
21.	Kerala	Thrissure	2.03	2.03	6.82	6.82	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30	4.42	4.13
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	6.35	6.35	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69	10.20	8.76
		Gujarat	Rajkot	0.99	0.99	2.50	2.50	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.80
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	4.60	4.60	3.75	3.75	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10	6.60	6.33
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	2.89	2.89	4.78	4.78	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19	16.15	13.34
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	0.88	0.88	1.18	1.16	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25	2.59	2.38
		Chemical Preservation	3.82	3.81	6.51	6.48	9.91	9.89	8.36	8.36	3.88	3.74	6.29	5.18
		Horticultural Activity (All India)	44.75	44.75	19.33	19.32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		DG Office	44.42	44.42	11.74	11.73	3.15	2.77	13.19	13.19	2.17	2.15	0.75	0.53
		Reserve	-	-	0.02	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Total	260.90	260.83	270.00	269.57	392.71	391.93	443.53	443.53	313.43	313.04	375.28	333.92

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2276 FOR 12.03.2026.

MoUs signed under AAH 2.0

A total of 30 MoUs have been materialized, the details of which are as below:

S.No.	Name of Monument	Entity	State
1.	Agra Fort, Agra (UP)	Ease My Trip Foundation	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
3.	Safdarjung Tomb, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
4.	Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho	Ease My Trip Foundation	Madhya Pradesh
5.	Kailasanatha temple, Kanchipuram (TN)	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Tamil Nadu
6.	Sun temple, Konark, Puri (Odisha)	Ease My Trip Foundation	Odisha
7.	Elephanta Caves, Raigarh (Maharashtra)	Mahesh Enterprises and Infra India Private Limited	Maharashtra
8.	Upper Fort Aguada, Goa	Drishti Lifesaving Pvt Ltd	Goa
9.	PuranaQila, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
10.	QutubMinar, Delhi	Ease My Trip Foundation	Delhi
11.	Humanyun's Tomb, Delhi	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi
12.	JantarMantar	Powerlinks Transmission Ltd	Delhi
13.	Group of Monuments, HauzKhas	Tata Power Trading Pvt Ltd	Delhi
14.	UgrasenkiBaoli	Zee Aakash	Delhi
15.	Delhi Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
16.	Kashmere Gate and Mori Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	HEG Ltd	Madhya Pradesh
18.	Ajmeri Gate	Redtape Ltd	Delhi
19.	Madrasa Mahmud Gawan	Shaheen Group of Institutions	Karnataka
20.	Kamalapur Museum	JSW Foundation	Karnataka
21.	Tomb of Khan-i-Khana	InterGlobe Aviation Pvt Ltd (Indigo)	Delhi

22.	Tomb of Najaf Khan	Sawasdee Projects Pvt Ltd	Delhi
23.	Padma and Rani Talabs at Ranthambore Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
24.	BaoriAbaneri	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
25.	BaoriNeemrana	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Rajasthan
26.	BudhaBudhi pond at Kalinjar Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Uttar Pradesh
27.	Development of audio guides	Resbird Technologies	Multiple sites
28.	Red Fort	Dalmia Bharat Limited	Delhi
29.	Aga Khan Palace	DCB Bank	Maharashtra
30.	Airavateswara Temple, Darasuram	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Tamil Nadu
