

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYASABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4362**  
ANSWERED ON 02.04.2026

**PROTECTION OF MONUMENTS**

4362. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of centrally protected monuments currently under illegal encroachment, State-wise;
- (b) the budgetary allocations made for "Scientific Treatment and Consolidation" of monuments facing chemical weathering due to air pollution during 2025-26;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted a risk assessment of coastal and high-altitude archaeological sites vulnerable to rising sea levels and extreme weather events; and
- (d) the details of monuments facing chemical weathering due to air pollution and steps taken to protect such monuments?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) There are 414 protected monuments and areas under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) having encroachments. The State-wise details are given at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) An amount of ₹2.17 crore was allocated/expenditure incurred for "Scientific Treatment and Consolidation" of protected monuments facing chemical weathering due to air pollution during 2025-26.
- (c) The protected monuments are regularly inspected and based on the requirement scientific & treatment for eliminating the effects of air pollution and other weather phenomenon are carried out. The details of monuments facing chemical weathering due to air pollution is given at **Annexure-II**.
- (d)

**ANNEXURE-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4362 FOR 02.04.2026.

**STATE-WISE DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND AREAS (SITES) HAVING ENCROACHMENT**

| <b>Sl.No.</b> | <b>Name of State / U.T.</b> | <b>No.of monuments and areas (sites) under encroachment</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.            | Andhra Pradesh              | 01                                                          |
| 2.            | Arunachal Pradesh           | 01                                                          |
| 3.            | Assam                       | 12                                                          |
| 4.            | Bihar                       | 13                                                          |
| 5.            | Chhattisgarh                | 12                                                          |
| 6.            | Daman & Diu (U.T.)          | 01                                                          |
| 7.            | Goa                         | 01                                                          |
| 8.            | Gujarat                     | 11                                                          |
| 9.            | Haryana                     | 06                                                          |
| 10.           | Himachal Pradesh            | 03                                                          |
| 11.           | Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.)      | 12                                                          |
| 12.           | Karnataka                   | 60                                                          |
| 13.           | Madhya Pradesh              | 03                                                          |
| 14.           | Maharashtra                 | 49                                                          |
| 15.           | N.C.T. Delhi (U.T.)         | 14                                                          |
| 16.           | Odisha                      | 13                                                          |
| 17.           | Punjab                      | 03                                                          |
| 18.           | Rajasthan                   | 30                                                          |
| 19.           | Sikkim                      | 01                                                          |
| 20.           | Telangana                   | 03                                                          |
| 21.           | Tamilnadu                   | 72                                                          |
| 22.           | Tripura                     | 01                                                          |
| 23.           | Uttar Pradesh               | 78                                                          |
| 24.           | West Bengal                 | 15                                                          |
|               | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>414</b>                                                  |

**ANNEXURE-II**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) &(d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4362 FOR 02.04.2026.

DETAILS OF MONUMENT FACING CHEMICAL WEATHERING DUE TO AIR POLLUTION.

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Name of protected monument</b>                 | <b>District</b> | <b>State</b>  |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1.             | Bekal Fort                                        | Kasargod        | Kerala        |
| 2.             | Temple of Shiv, Ganesh and adjoining Kund, Badoli | Chittaurgarh    | Rajasthan     |
| 3.             | Jaisalmer Fort                                    | Jaisalmer       | Rajasthan     |
| 4.             | Sri.Brihadeswara Temple                           | Thanjavur       | Tamil Nadu    |
| 5.             | Vishnu and Laxmi Narayan Shrines                  | Lalitpur        | Uttar Pradesh |
| 6.             | Jain Temple                                       | Lalitpur        | Uttar Pradesh |
| 7.             | Nadan Mahal                                       | Lucknow         | Uttar Pradesh |
| 8.             | Qila-e- Kuhna Mosque                              | New Delhi       | New Delhi     |
| 9.             | Red Fort                                          | Delhi           | Delhi         |
| 10.            | Chairminar                                        | Hyderabad       | Telengana     |

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