

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.661
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2026

SECURITY OF HERITAGE SITES

661. DR. MEENAKSHI JAIN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated for the security of heritage sites during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is any plan to review the security of those sites, in view of recent acts of vandalism by tourists at such sites; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details of expenditure incurred on private security guards and CISF deployed for the security of protected monuments and protected areas (sites) during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (amount in crore)	Head of Account
2022-23	116.08	14 01 28-Professional Services
2023-24	140.96	14 01 28-Professional Services
2024-25	280.52	14 01 28-Professional Services

It is to mention here that their no separate budget earmarked for the security purpose.

- (b)& (c) The concerned field officer time to time take up periodic inspections and surprise check of monuments to assess the security situation and to take necessary security measures. Further, Multi Tasking Staff has been posted for watch and ward supported by private security personnel and CISF at selected monuments. These efforts are further strengthen by installation of surveillance systems like CCTV cameras, improved signage, visitor regulation, and awareness campaigns. Coordination with local administration undertaken to ensure better protection and preservation of protected monuments and protected areas (sites).
