

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1306
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

CONSERVATION OF KARNATAKA'S HERITAGE MONUMENTS

1306. SHRI AJAY MAKAN

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the central funds allocated and utilised for conservation and development of centrally-protected monuments in Karnataka, including the World Heritage Sites of Hampi and Pattadakal, during each of the last three years;
- (b) the number of proposals received from the State for protection or development of monuments pending with the Central Government;
- (c) the reasons for pendency, if any; and
- (d) the steps taken to conserve and promote State's heritage sites?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The detail of funds allocated and utilised for Conservation and preservation of 506 centrally protected monuments/sites in Karnataka including the World Heritage Sites of Hampi and Pattadakal, during the last three years are given as under:-

(Amount in Crores)

S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure incurred
1.	2023-24	39.16	39.16
2.	2024-25	22.53	22.53
3.	2025-26	28.59	28.59

- (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), as per the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, is mandated to protect, conserve, preserve, maintain and
- (c) develop necessary amenities for visitors at protected monuments/sites.

Details of proposals received during the last three years from the Government of Karnataka for development of protected monuments/sites, along with their status, are placed at Annexure-I.

- (d) There are 506 centrally protected monuments/sites are under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Karnataka. ASI undertakes conservation of these monuments and sites under the National Conservation Policy, 2014 and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958, along with the rules framed thereunder.

The periodical condition assessments and day to day maintenance of these monuments and sites are carried out in a regular way as per the requirement and availability of resources.

Further, ASI has taken several initiatives to promote the heritage sites of Karnataka by engaging local communities and creating public awareness regarding heritage conservation. These initiatives including the observance of World Heritage Day, World Heritage week, International Museum Day, International Yoga Day, World Environmental Day, Independence Day and Republic Day as well as the organization of health camps and cleanliness drives with the active participation of local communities, educational institutions and other stakeholders.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (C) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1306 FOR 30.07.2026.

DETAILS OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED DURING LAST THREE YEARS FROM KARNATAKA STATE GOVERNMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ASI PROTECTED MONUMENT / SITE (2023-24 to 2025-26)

Sl. No.	Site	Proposal	Agency	Status
1.	Gagan Mahal, District Vijayapura.	Development of Landscape including visitor amenities	Department of Tourism, Karnataka	In-principal approval issued on 18.7.2025
2.	Bidar Fort, District Bidar	Development of Bidar as Heritage Tourism Destination under Challenge Based Destination Development Scheme (a sub-scheme Swadesh Darshan 2.0)	Deputy Commissioner & Chairman, District Tourism Development Committee	Approval conveyed on 28.8.2025
3.	Bidar Fort, District Bidar	Development of Sound and Light Show, and Façade Illumination	Department of Tourism, Karnataka	In-principal approval issued on 23.5.2023.
4.	Fort, Madhugiri, District Tumakuru.	Development of Ropeway	Department of Tourism, Karnataka	Meeting has been conveyed on 25.06.2026 and agency was requested to submit the revised proposal.
5.	Gulbarga Fort and Great Mosque in the Fort, District Kalaburagi	Rejuvenation of Water Body at Moat Area Under Amrut 2.0 mission	Municipal Commissioner, Kalaburagi	A Fresh proposal has been received from the agency.
6.	Bidar Fort, District Bidar	Rejuvenation of Bomgoundeshwar Lake inside the Bidar Fort and rejuvenation of Water body around fort under AMRUT 2.0 mission	Commissioner, Bidar City Corporation	A Proposal has been received in this regard.
7.	Group of Monuments, Hampi, District Bellary	Development of Travel Nooks under Swadesh Darshan 2.0	Department of Tourism, Karnataka	Approval conveyed on 28.8.2025
