

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2115
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026

CULTURAL HERITAGE AND TOURISM IN LESSER-KNOWN DESTINATIONS

2115. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of heritage sites, monuments and historical structures restored and conserved during the last five years, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated and utilized for such restoration works; and
- (c) the criteria adopted for selection of heritage sites for conservation;
- (d) the measures taken to promote cultural heritage and tourism in lesser-known destinations;
- (e) the number of such destinations identified during the last five years; and
- (f) the funds released for their development and promotion?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 3688 centrally protected monuments/sites under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country. ASI undertakes conservation of these Monuments and sites as per the National
- (c) Conservation Policy. The periodical condition assessments and day to day maintenance of these monuments and sites are carried out on regular basis as per the requirement and availability of resources.

The details of funds allocated and utilized for conservation and preservation of these monuments during the last five years, State-wise are given at Annexure-I.

- (d) The ASI undertakes conservation and preservation of centrally protected monuments, including lesser-known monuments. Visitor amenities such as pathways, signage, drinking water, toilets, benches, cultural notice board and site museums are developed, wherever feasible. ASI promotes heritage awareness through digital initiatives, cultural programmes, exhibitions, outreach programmes and dissemination of information on the occasion of World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week, Museum Day and other such type of occasions/events. ASI also conducts Seminars and workshops for students and scholars to impart a deeper knowledge on our vast cultural heritage.

Further, Ministry of Tourism promotes tourism destination and products of the country, in a holistic manner, including cultural and heritage tourism and lesser known destinations. The promotions are undertaken through several initiatives such as organizing tourism promotional events, held in association with tourism stakeholders, digital promotion through social media handles in collaboration with social media influencers and showcasing the tourism destinations and products through the Incredible India Digital portal. Additionally, several stakeholder engagements are regionally organized by the India Tourism offices, to promote and raise awareness about these destinations, under the DekhoApnaDesh initiative.

- (e) There are 3688 monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of ASI, including lesser-known & monuments. These sites are regularly inspected by the technical staff of ASI and the conservation,
- (f) maintenance and development works are planned and executed based on the condition, priority and requirement of the monuments subject to the availability of resources.

The funds allocated and utilised in last five years are given at Annexure-I.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) & (e) & (f) OF THE RAJYA SABHA
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**DETAILS OF ALLOCATION & EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL
DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.**

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	19.35	19.35	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90	16.30	16.30
		Jhansi	4.15	4.15	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10	8.95	8.95
		Lucknow	10.44	10.44	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91	8.30	8.30
		Sarnath	5.50	5.50	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32	7.62	7.62	10.21	10.21
		Meerut	2.80	2.80	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64	8.60	8.59
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	8.00	7.99	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60	10.80	10.80
		Mumbai	12.00	12.00	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19	16.94	16.94
		Nagpur	4.50	4.50	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60	15.05	15.05
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	9.75	9.75	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55	13.51	13.51
		Hampi	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52	9.08	9.08
		Dharwad	7.32	7.32	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46	6.00	6.00
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	11.50	11.50	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30	12.80	12.78
		Jabalpur	4.75	4.75	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99	6.47	6.46
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri	8.23	8.23	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37	10.04	10.03
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	7.67	7.57	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01	4.83	4.82
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	5.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10	8.40	8.40
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai	8.00	8.00	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14	10.70	10.70
		Trichy	4.00	4.0	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90
9.	Punjab	Chandigarh	1.50	1.50	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	12.20	12.20
	Haryana											
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	1.15	1.15	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79	2.10	2.10
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	19.10	19.08	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94	42.02	42.00
12.	Goa	Goa	7.00	7.00	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	5.41	5.41
13.	Assam	Guwahati	3.30	3.30	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71	4.46	4.46
	Meghalaya											
	Nagaland											
	Arunachal Pradesh											
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.30	1.30
	Mizoram											
	Tripura											
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	7.53	7.53	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91	8.40	8.40
		Jodhpur	4.50	4.50	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24	8.90	8.90
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	7.00	6.80	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77	14.93	14.90
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	5.75	5.75	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90	15.35	15.35
18.	Bihar	Patna	3.35	3.35	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73	15.30	15.30
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar	2.55	2.55	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89	5.95	5.95
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh	0.43	0.43	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20	4.65	4.65
21.	Kerala	Thrissure	6.82	6.82	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30	4.42	4.42
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69	10.50	10.50
	Gujarat	Rajkot	2.50	2.50	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.84	4.84
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	3.75	3.75	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10	6.80	6.80
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	4.78	4.78	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19	16.51	16.51
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	1.18	1.16	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25	2.59	2.59
		Chemical Preservation (All India)	6.51	6.48	9.91	9.89	8.36	8.36	3.88	3.74	6.22	6.19
		Horticultural Activity (All India)	19.33	19.32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		DG Office	11.74	11.73	3.15	2.77	13.19	13.19	2.17	2.15	1.11	1.08
		Reserve	0.02	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.04	0.00
		Total	270.00	269.57	392.71	391.93	443.53	443.53	313.43	313.04	376.88	376.67
