

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2903
ANSWERED ON- 13.08.2026

IDENTIFICATION OF SITES WITH ARCHEOLOGICAL POTENTIAL

2903. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERANDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted village to village survey to identify sites in Karnataka with archaeological potential and if so, the details thereof, Circle-wise;
- (b) if not, whether Government proposes to undertake any such survey in the near future; and
- (c) the details of restoration and conservation work undertaken at the said identified protected monuments and protected areas, along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon, Circle-wise?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted village to village survey to identify the sites with archaeological potential in Karnataka. The details of villages surveyed since last three years in Karnataka are given as under;

Name of the circle	No. of villages
Excavation Branch VI, Mysore,	220
Bangalore circle,	12
Dharwad circle	10

(c). The monuments/sites surveyed in Karnataka in last 3 years, have not been identified for declaring as Monuments/sites of National Importance. Details on allocation and expenditure on ASI protected monuments in Karnataka for last three years Circle wise, are as given in **Annexure**.

ANNEXTURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903 FOR 13.08.2026.

DETAILS ON ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ASI PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN KARNATAKA FOR LAST THREE YEARS CIRCLE WISE.

Bangalore Circle

(Amount Rs. in Crore)			
S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2023-24	17.34	17.34
2.	2024-25	8.55	8.55
3.	2025-26	13.51	13.51

Hampi Circle

(Amount Rs. in Crore)			
S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2023-24	12.25	12.25
2.	2024-25	6.52	6.52
3.	2025-26	9.08	9.08

Dharwad Circle

(Amount Rs. in Crore)			
S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2023-24	9.57	9.57
2.	2024-25	7.46	7.46
3.	2025-26	6.00	6.00
