

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.902
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.11.2016
KARTIKA 30, 1938 (SAKA)

ENCROACHMENT OF HERITAGE SITES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been considerable rise in the cases of illegal encroachment in important historical heritage sites and monuments in the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has prepared any action plan to deal with the said situation or fixed any responsibility in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to keep such monuments free from encroachment;
- (d) the number of encroachments removed by the Archaeological Survey of India during each of the last three years, State and monument-wise; and
- (e) the funds released by the Government for the maintenance and upkeep of these monuments during the last three years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.
- (b) Government has been taking appropriate action against all such illegal encroachments as per the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Amendment & Validation Act, 2010.
- (c) The encroachments in the protected monuments and protected areas are removed as per the provisions contained in the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 framed thereunder. Superintending Archaeologists are also authorised to issue show cause notices under the provisions of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act 1958 and Rules 1959 followed by a direction to the District Collector/Magistrate by Central Government to remove such encroachment under

section 19 (2) of the Act and Rule 38 (2). In order to contain the encroachments and removing them, the Superintending Archaeologist in charge of the Circles have been vested with the powers of an Estate Officer to issue eviction notices/orders to the encroachers under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971. Further, assistance in such cases is also sought from the respective State Government/police and where there are no fruitful results actions are initiated against the encroachers by filing cases in the court of law. In addition to the regular watch and ward staff, private security personnel, State police guards and CISF have also been deployed for the safety and security of selected monuments. The Ministry of Culture has also requested the State Governments to form coordination committee comprising State and Archaeological Survey of India officials to solve the problem.

- (d) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the House.
- (e) The expenditure incurred on maintenance and upkeep of all centrally protected monuments including these monuments in the country during the last three years is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.902 FOR 21.11.2016

STATE/UT-WISE DETAILS OF FUNDS ALLOCATED AND UTILISED FOR CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS UNDER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Number of protected monuments	Circle / Branch	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
1.	Uttar Pradesh	743	Agra Circle	957.97	1404.99	1270.00
			Lucknow Circle	944.99	1165.00	945.08
			Sarnath Circle	---	534.99	495.00
2.	Maharashtra	285	Aurangabad Circle	493.00	695.00	629.05
			Mumbai Circle	415.00	645.00	902.82
			Nagpur Circle	---	444.98	845.00
3.	Karnataka	506	Bangalore Circle	1253.00	1515.99	1427.02
			Mini Circle Hampi	--	90.00	401.24
			Dharwad Circle	993.79	713.94	716.42
4.	Madhya Pradesh	292	Bhopal Circle	716.99	956.99	1261.01
5.	Odisha	79	Bhubaneswar Circle	280.00	596.99	679.52
6.	West Bengal,	136	Kolkata Circle	448.18	549.63	537.95
	Sikkim	03				
7.	Tamil Nadu,	413	Chennai Circle	845.00	1070.01	919.10
	Puducherry (UT)	07				
8.	Punjab	33	Chandigarh Circle	795.92	875.85	634.98
	Haryana	91				
9.	Himachal Pradesh	40	Shimla Circle	155.86	315.00	300.00
10.	Delhi	174	Delhi Circle	1300.19	1499.75	1176.73
			Delhi Mini Circle	-	-	-
11.	Goa	21	Goa Circle	144.50	397.36	240.99
12.	Assam	55	Guwahati Circle	174.94	292.56	395.07
	Manipur	01				
	Meghalaya	08				
	Mizoram	01				
	Nagaland	04				
	Tripura	08				
	Arunchal Pradesh	03				
13.	Rajasthan	162	Jaipur Circle	521.48	610.00	512.98
			Jodhpur Circle	---	569.96	729.29
14.	Andhra Pradesh	129	Hyderabad Circle	1068.43	998.32	776.61
	Telangana	08				
15.	Bihar	70	Patna Circle	263.00	414.99	374.99
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	56	Srinagar Circle	260.00	443.00	135.07
		13	Mini Circle Leh	116.83	141.98	131.50
17.	Kerala	28	Thrissur Circle	455.00	647.19	659.99
18.	Gujarat	203	Vadodara Circle	655.00	847.99	1123.07
	Daman & Diu(UT)	12				
19.	Uttarakhand	42	Dehradun Circle	210.49	264.99	215.00
20.	Chhattisgarh	47	Raipur Circle	468.40	587.89	670.33
21.	Jharkhand	13	Ranchi Circle	69.00	115.98	147.61

			Chemical Preservation (All India)	510.85	787.65	729.60
			Horticultural Activity (All India)	2446.05	3357.98	3878.22
			Reserve			
	Total	3686		16963.86	23551.95	23861.24