

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2424  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.7.2017  
SHRAVANA 9, 1939 (SAKA)

SHORTAGE OF FUNDS FOR PRESERVATION OF AJANTA CAVES

+2424. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of archaeological monuments declared as protected monuments in Maharashtra during the last three years;
- (b) whether there is shortage of funds for the proper maintenance of the said monuments;
- (c) whether there is shortage of funds for the maintenance of Ajanta caves in Maharashtra; and
- (d) if so, the funds allocated against the requisite amount?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India has not protected any new monument in Maharashtra during the last three years.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c)&(d) No, Madam. The expenditure incurred for maintenance and preservation of Ajanta Caves during the last three years is as follows:

2014-15	Rs.3.06 crore
2015-16	Rs.1.20 crore
2016-17	Rs.1.09 crore