

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1831
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023**

ANCIENT HERITAGES IN DARBHANGA

†1831. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ancient heritage situated in the country specially in Darbhanga district of Bihar State;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for protection and promotion of Indian Culture in the country including Darbhanga district during the last five years;
- (c) the details of the programmes initiated to promote Indian Culture and spread awareness about it during the said period;
- (d) the quantum of funds released to various non-governmental organizations for the said purpose State/UT-wise including Darbhanga district in Bihar; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for maintenance and conservation of the said heritage sites along with the details of funds allocated and spent during the last five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) State-wise details of monuments/sites of national importance throughout the country are given at **Annexure**. There is no protected monument in Darbhanga district of Bihar.
- (b) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments and sites and providing basic amenities and facilities like drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards, signage, parking, cloak rooms, etc. to the tourists visiting these monument are regular activities which the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes, as per need, priority and resources. Improvement and upgradation of these public amenities is a continuous process.
- (c) ASI organizes cultural awareness programmes on various occasions like World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week, International Museums Day, Republic Day, Independence Day, Gandhi Jayanti, etc. through exhibitions, workshops and other programmes involving school & college students and general public.
- (d) No such fund was released by ASI for the said purpose to any Non-Governmental Organisation.

- (e) ASI regularly conserves, and maintains centrally protected monuments and sites as per need and priority which is a regular phenomenon. Expenditure on conservation, preservation and maintenance of monuments/sites during last five year is as under:

Amount in crore

| Year | Expenditure |
|-------------|--------------------|
| 2017-18 | 410.77 |
| 2018-19 | 405.02 |
| 2019-20 | 435.39 |
| 2020-21 | 260.83 |
| 2021-22 | 269.57 |

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1831 FOR 13.02.2023.****STATE-WISE NUMBER OF MONUMENTS/SITES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE IN THE COUNTRY.**

| Sl.No. | Name of State / U.T. | Number of Monuments/Site |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 135 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 03 |
| 3. | Assam | 55 |
| 4. | Bihar | 70 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 46 |
| 6. | Daman & Diu (U.T.) | 11 |
| 7. | Goa | 21 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 205 |
| 9. | Haryana | 91 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 40 |
| 11. | Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.) | 56 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 13 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 506 |
| 14. | Kerala | 29 |
| 15. | Ladakh (U.T.) | 15 |
| 16. | Madhya Pradesh | 291 |
| 17. | Maharashtra | 286 |
| 18. | Manipur | 01 |
| 19. | Meghalaya | 08 |
| 20. | Mizoram | 01 |
| 21. | Nagaland | 04 |
| 22. | N.C.T. Delhi | 173 |
| 23. | Odisha | 80 |
| 24. | Puducherry (U.T.) | 07 |
| 25. | Punjab | 33 |
| 26. | Rajasthan | 163 |
| 27. | Sikkim | 03 |
| 28. | Telangana | 08 |
| 29. | Tamilnadu | 412 |
| 30. | Tripura | 08 |
| 31. | Uttar Pradesh | 743 |
| 32. | Uttarakhand | 44 |
| 33. | West Bengal | 135 |
| | TOTAL | 3696 |
