

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.570
ANSWERED ON 06.02.2023

CONSERVATION OF ANCIENT HERITAGES

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Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ancient heritages in the country particularly in Hooghly district in West Bengal, Jammu district in Jammu Kashmir, Sonipat district in Haryana, and Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur and Rohtas districts in Bihar;
- (b) the steps being taken by the Government for conservation and promotion of Indian culture in the country including Hooghly, Jammu, Sonipat, Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur and Rohtas districts during the last five years;
- (c) the details of the programmes launched by the Government during the said period to promote Indian culture and to spread awareness in this regard;
- (d) the State/UT-wise amount of funds released by the Government for the said purpose to various Non-Governmental Organisations including Hooghly district in West Bengal, Jammu district in Jammu Kashmir, Sonipat district in Haryana, and Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur and Rohtas districts in Bihar; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for maintenance and conservation of the said heritage sites including the amount 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) The details of centrally protected monuments and sites in Hooghly district in West Bengal, Jammu district in Jammu & Kashmir (UT), Sonipat district in Haryana, and Bhagalpur and Rohtas districts in Bihar are given at **Annexure-I**. There is no protected monument in Sitamarhi district.
- (b) Conservation preservation and maintenance of 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 these monuments as per need and priority which is a regular phenomenon. Details of funds spent on monuments of these districts are given at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 570 FOR 06.02.2023.

DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF MONUMENTS AND SITES;

| WEST BENGAL | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Sl.No. | Name of Monument / Site | District |
| 1. | Hansesvari and Vasudeva Temples | Hooghly |
| 2. | Dupleix Palace (Institute de Chandan Nagar) | Hooghly |
| 3. | Dutch Cemetery together with all tombs & monuments contained therein | Hooghly |
| 4. | Dutch Memorial monument of Susenne Anne Maria | Hooghly |
| 5. | Group of temples known as Brindaban Chandra's Math | Hooghly |
| 6. | Mounds | Hooghly |
| 7. | Minar | Hooghly |
| 8. | Mosque | Hooghly |
| 9. | Mosque & Tombs | Hooghly |
| 10. | i) Danish Cemetery ii) All ancient structures, all tombs stone monument remains and inscriptions within the area enclosed by the said walls. | Hooghly |
| 11. | Dargah of Zafar Khan Ghazi | Hooghly |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR UT | | |
| 1. | Ancient Fort | Jammu |
| 2. | Remains of Ancient sites (Pambaran) | Jammu |
| HARYANA | | |
| 1. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 2. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 3. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 4. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 5. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 6. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 7. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 8. | Old Mughal Kos Minar | Sonipat |
| 9. | Tomb of Khawaja Khizr | Sonipat |
| BIHAR | | |
| 1. | Ancient site of Vikramasila Monastery | Bhagalpur |
| 2. | Rock Temple | Bhagalpur |
| 3. | Patalpuri cave and land adjoining Bateshwar cave on the Patharghata hill | Bhagalpur |
| 4. | Rock sculptures | Bhagalpur |
| 5. | Ashokan inscription on the Chandan Shahid hill | Rohtas |
| 6. | Rohtasgarh fort | Rohtas |
| 7. | Tomb of Hasan Shah Suri | Rohtas |
| 8. | Tomb of Sher Shah Suri | Rohtas |
| 9. | Three rock inscriptions (Adjacent to Tara Chandi temple) | Rohtas |

Annexure-II

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA
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**DISTRICT-WISE EXPENDITURE DETAILS OF ON MONUMENTS AND SITES
(Amount in Rupees)**

| DISTRICT | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Hooghly | 30,23,926 | 36,95,212 | 35,23,521 | 53,45,706 | 45,39,060 |
| Jammu | 4,65,623 | 16,42,856 | 10,35,562 | 8,92,782 | 28,75,581 |
| Sonipat | nil | 2,850 | 4,178 | 10,480 | 11,830 |
| Bhagalpur | 7,58,156 | 28,66,481 | 12,93,484 | 10,11,668 | 19,20,437 |
| Rohtas | 1998989 | 28,56,649 | 28,45,502 | 11,28,396 | 59,88,246 |
| Sitamarhi | nil | nil | nil | nil | nil |