

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.153**  
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

**DECLARATION OF MONUMENTS AS MONUMENTS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE**

†\*153. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR:  
SHRI ACHYUTANANDA SAMANTA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the district-wise number of monuments or sites declared by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as monuments of national importance in Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand;
- (b) the details of the funds spent and revenue earned from the said monuments or sites in Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary Constituency, Odisha and Jharkhand during the last five years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop the said monuments or sites in Valmiki Nagar, Odisha and Jharkhand as tourist places;
- (d) whether the Government has allocated any funds for the conservation of cultural prosperity and heritage of Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand in view of their rich cultural heritage;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA  
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- (a) The District-wise number of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the State of Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand are at **Annexure.**
- (b) The details of funds spent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) on maintenance of monuments and sites of National Importance in the State of Odisha, Jharkhand and the Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary constituency, Bihar is given in table below:

(amount in Crore)

Year	Expenditure on monuments and sites in Odisha	Expenditure on monuments and sites in Jharkhand	Expenditure on monuments and sites in Valmiki Nagar parliamentary constituency (There are 07 centrally protected monuments)
2018-19	5.90	0.86	0.05
2019-20	5.30	1.60	0.08
2020-21	3.63	0.88	0.06
2021-22	8.23	1.16	0.13
2022-23	13.17	2.00	0.25

Revenue earned from sale of entry tickets at the ticketed monuments of Odisha is given in table below: There are no ticketed monument in the State of Jharkhand and Valmiki Nagar Parliamentary constituency in Bihar.

(amount in Crore)

Year	Total Revenue from ticketed monuments in Odisha
2018-19	9.80
2019-20	9.38
2020-21	2.30
2021-22	3.02
2022-23	11.02

- (c) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of monuments and sites of national importance is taken up by ASI as per need, priority, and availability of resources, which is a regular phenomenon. Besides this, amenities like toilet and drinking water and facilities like pathway, ramps, signages, dust bins, wheel chairs, sound and light shows, publication sale counter, etc. are provided at protected monuments. Further, environmental development and aesthetic landscaping is done in and around monuments so that tourist have better experience while visiting a monument.
- (d) Every year around 600-700 monuments are identified for taking up structural repairs of to special nature on the basis of assessment made at the field level. A conservation programme is drawn up after proper identification of items of work and adequate funds provided to carry out the specified works. This is a yearly process and takes care of both short term and long term projects. Position of funds allotted for conservation and maintenance of monuments and sites in the state of Bihar, Odisha and Jharkhand during the current financial year is as under:-

(amount in Crore)

State	Funds allocated
Bihar	7.50
Odisha	12.00
Jharkhand	2.00

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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**DISTRICT-WISE LIST OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES IN STATE OF  
BIHAR, ODISHA AND JHARKHAND.**

STATE	SL. NO.	DISTRICT	NUMBER OF MONUMENT
<b>BIHAR</b>	1.	Aurangabad	01
	2.	Bhagalpur	04
	3.	Buxar	01
	4.	East Champaran	03
	5.	Gaya	11
	6.	Jehanabad	09
	7.	Kaimur	02
	8.	Kishanganj	01
	9.	Madhubani	01
	10.	Muzaffarpur	01
	11.	Nalanda	08
	12.	Patna	11
	13.	Rohtas	05
	14.	Saran	01
	15.	Siwan	01
	16.	Vaishali	03
	17.	West Champaran	07
			<b>Total -70</b>
<b>ODISHA</b>			
	1.	Angul	02
	2.	Bolangir	02
	3.	Boudh	02
	4.	Cuttack	13
	5.	Dhenkanal	05
	6.	Ganjam	06
	7.	Jajpur	10
	8.	Kalahandi	01
	9.	Keonjhar	01
	8.	Jharsuguda	01
	9.	Khurda	28
	10.	Mayurbhanj	04
	11.	Puri	05
			<b>Total-80</b>
<b>JHARKHAND</b>			
	1.	East Singhbhum	01
	2.	Gumla	01
	3.	Khunti	05
	4.	Lohardaga	01
	5.	Ranchi	01
	6.	Sahibganj	02
	7.	Sarikela Kharsawan	01
	8.	West Singhbhum	01
			<b>Total-13</b>