

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2985
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2023**

FUNCTIONING OF ASI WITH LIMITED BUDGETARY ALLOCATION

2985. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the preservation and conservation of World Heritage Sites in India;
- (b) whether the Government has ensured the effective functioning of bodies such as the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) despite limited budgetary allocations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up preservation and conservation work of all 3696 centrally protected monuments/sites including 24 World Heritage Sites, as and when necessary and as per the availability of resources. All monuments and sites are in a good state of conservation.
- (b) Yes, Sir. ASI through its 5 Regional offices & 37 Circles effectively manages & conservation & management of all Centrally Protected Monuments/sites by incurring
- (c) adequate expenditure earmarked for the purpose.
