

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2460
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PROGRAMMES LAUNCHED FOR PROMOTION OF INDIAN CULTURE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ancient heritage sites located across the country, particularly in Jammu district of Jammu and Kashmir, Sitamarhi and Bhagalpur districts of Bihar, Hugli in West Bengal, Amravati in Maharashtra and Sonipat in Haryana;
- (b) the details of steps being taken by the Government for protection and conservation of the Indian Culture across the country including Jammu, Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur, Hugli, Amravati and Sonipat districts during the last five years;
- (c) the details of the programmes launched for promotion of Indian Culture and to increase the awareness about the same during the aforesaid period;
- (d) the State/UT-wise details of the funds released to various Non-Governmental Organisations in Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar, Maharashtra and Haryana including Jammu, Sitamarhi, Amravati, Sonipat and Bhagalpur districts;
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for maintenance and protection of the said heritage sites; and
- (f) the details of the funds allocated and spent during the last five years for this purpose?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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- (a) There are 3697 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the country. The details of ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains including Jammu district of Jammu and Kashmir (UT), Bhagalpur districts of Bihar, Hugli in West Bengal, Amravati in Maharashtra and Sonipat in Haryana are available on Archaeological Survey of India website <https://asi.nic.in> .

- (b) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains across the country, including Jammu, Sitamarhi, Bhagalpur, Hugli, Amravati and Sonipat districts is a continuous process undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Providing basic amenities like drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards, signage, parking, cloak rooms, etc. to the tourists visiting the monuments are regular activities which 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) There is no provision with ASI to release such fund for the said purpose to any Non-Governmental Organisation.
- (e) ASI undertakes regular conservation, preservation and maintenance of all ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance. For security, watch and ward is provided through regular MTS personnel, CISF and private security.
- (f) The expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and maintenance during the last five years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (amount in crore)
2018-19	405.02
2019-20	435.39
2020-21	260.83
2021-22	269.57
2022-23	391.93
