

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.3.2021

RESTORATION OF MONUMENTS IN BIHAR

3179. DR. SANJAY JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of monuments which are declared to be of national importance in Bihar;
- (b) whether the Government has drawn any short-term, mid-term and long-term plans for the conservation, restoration and overall development of the protected monuments in Bihar for posterity and to make them as popular tourist destinations and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation, restoration, scientific preservation and environmental development on each protected monument in Bihar during the last three years including the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) 70 monuments /sites have been declared as of National Importance in the State of Bihar.
- (b) Conservation, preservation and environmental development work of the protected monuments is taken up through Annual Conservation Programme for all centrally protected monuments / sites, including in the State of Bihar. The said programme is drawn at the beginning of every financial year incorporating the required conservation works considering need of the monuments and as per availability of fund and resources.
Conservation Programme also includes provision for visitor facilities like toilets, drinking water, ramps for differently abled, illumination, sound and light shows, pathways, signages, cafeterias, etc. Providing and upgrading such facilities wherever required is a continuous process.
- (c) The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and development of monuments/sites of National Importance within the State of Bihar is as under-

(Amount in INR; In Lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2020-21 (up to February 2021)	309.32	289.82
2019-20	288.87	278.24
2018-19	354.47	354.31
2017-18	440.35	438.00

