

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3343  
ANSWERED ON 9.8.2021**

**DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN ODISHA**

3343. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of monuments which are declared as of national importance in Odisha;
- (b) whether the Government has any plans for the conservation, restoration and overall development of the protected monuments in the State of Odisha for posterity and to make them as popular tourist destinations;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation, restoration, scientific preservation and environmental development, development of surrounding including beautification on each protected monument in Odisha during the last five years?

**ANSWER**

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

(SHRI G.KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) 80 monuments/sites have been declared as of National importance in Odisha.
- (b)&(c) Conservation, preservation and environmental development work of centrally protected monuments in Odisha is a continuous process taken up as per the Annual Conservation Plan (ACP) drawn by the field office, and same is attended by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the availability of resources and priority. Further, providing basic facilities/amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, parking, cloak rooms, etc.) are regular activities which the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes, as per need, priority and availability of resources.
- (d) The fund allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation, restoration, scientific preservation and environmental development on protected monuments in Odisha during the last five years is as under:

Year	Amount (Rupees in lakhs)
2016-17	865.00
2017-18	689.92
2018-19	590.00
2019-20	530.00
2020-21	363.00

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