

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2410
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2021

PRESERVATION OF BEKAL FORT

2410. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archeological Survey of India (ASI) is celebrating World Heritage Week;
- (b) whether the Government has taken note that the Bekal Fort in Kasaragod is falling apart due to lack of conservation and official apathy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to support Bekal fort to restore the sea wall and preservation of cultural monuments in this Historical Asset;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has allocated any funds for this fort and other popular destinations in North Kerala and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. World Heritage Week is celebrated from 19th – 25th November every year.
- (b) The Bekal fort in Kasaragod under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), is well conserved. Conservation works are executed as per the norms of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). There are six ongoing conservation works on this fort. Details are given in Annexure-I.
- (c) Yes Sir. The protected monuments are inspected periodically and conservation & works are taken up as per requirement. The conservation of Sea wall (Bastion) at Bekal Fort has already been taken up.
- (d) Yes Sir. The Funds allocated and expenditure incurred on Centrally Protected Monuments in North Kerala in the last three years is given in Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE - I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2410 FOR 13.12.2021.****Details of Ongoing Conservation Works at Bekal Fort, Pallikare, Kasaragod District.**

Sl. No.	Name of monument/ Work	Approved Estimate Amount (in INR)
1	SR to Restoration works to the bastion at north east side of the Fort at Bekal Fort Pallikkera	70,88,459.00
2	SR to restoration of fortification wall and providing approach pathway at Bekal Fort, Pallikera under comprehensive conservation work	1,03,49,696.00
3	SR To Conservation works to Bekal Fort, Pallikkera, Kasargod	95,914.00
4	SR to conservation of excavated sites and construction of inner moat wall at Bekal Fort pallikera under Comprehensive conservation work.	88,21,627.00
5	SR to Water tightening work of fort walls and Bastions at Bekal fort, Pallikkere.	24,15,890.00
6	MW to Scientific conservation and preservation of Bekal Fort, Pallikkare, Dist. Kasaragod	18,63,320.40

ANNEXURE - II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF THE LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.2410 FOR 13.12.2021****Details of Funds allocated for monuments in Northern Kerala, ASI, Thrissur Circle**

STATEMENT SHOWING THE AMOUNT SANCTIONED AND SPEND FOR THE REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF MONUMENTS IN NORTHERN KERALA, FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 IN RESPECT OF OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ARCHAEOLOGIST, ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA, THRISSUR CIRCLE, THRISSUR						
Name of Monuments	2018-2019		2019-2020		2020-21	
KERALA STATE	Allocation (in INR)	Exp (in INR)	Allocation (in INR)	Exp (in INR)	Allocation (in INR)	Exp (in INR)
Bekal Fort, Pallikkare, Kasargod	18,00,000.00	17,24,081.00	22,00,000.00	21,36,540.00	20,25,000.00	20,23,624.00
Tellicherry Fort, Tellicherry	7,00,000.00	6,29,969.00	13,00,000.00	12,23,916.00	6,70,000.00	6,61,183.00
St. Angelo Fort, Kannur	16,00,000.00	15,32,171.00	21,80,000.00	21,70,713.00	26,80,000.00	26,72,858.00
Jain Temple, Sultanbathery, Wayanad	2,00,000.00	1,92,405.00	9,50,566.00	4,26,521.00	4,00,000.00	3,76,524.00
Vishnu temple, Nadavayal	6,00,000.00	2,41,759.00	9,43,000.00	2,27,833.00	3,50,000.00	3,15,307.00
Janardana temple, Panamaram, Wayanad	0	0	9,29,000.00	1,69,734.00	1,50,000.00	1,34,031.00