GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2512

TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022

CFA FOR MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL HERITAGE STRUCTURES

†2512. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR YADAV: SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR: SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any Central Financial Assistance (CFA) is provided to the States for tourism development and maintenance of historical heritage structures;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of funds released and spent by Bihar and Rajasthan during the last five years; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide CFA for the maintenance of structures and tourism development in Madhubani, Darbhanga and Nalanda Lok Sabha Constituency of Bihar along with the details of Tonk and sawai Madhopur districts of Rajasthan;
- (d) the amount spent and unutilized from the sanctioned funds along with the names of historical heritages for which the said amount was released; and
- (e) whether excavation work is being conducted to identify other historical heritages in Nalanda district of Bihar by Archaeological Survey of India and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government through Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) carries out conservation of ancient unprotected monuments in states. Further, central assistance is also provided under other schemes such as Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme administered by Ministry of Tourism.
- (b) The details of projects and expenditure in Bihar and Rajasthan incurred under Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD Scheme by the Ministry of Tourism is given in Annexure-'A'.

There are 70 centrally protected monuments and sites in Bihar and 163 centrally protected monuments and sites in Rajasthan. Necessary conservation works are carried out by the ASI as per requirement and availability of funds. Details of expenditure and allocation on conservation and development works are given as under.

Bihar State (Amount In Lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2017-18	195.00	195.00
2018-19	176.00	175.98
2019-20	155.00	145.45
2020-21	123.00	123.00
2021-22	335.00	335.00

Rajasthan State (Amount In Lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure		
2017-18	625.00	625.00		
2018-19	705.00	705.00		
2019-20	1030.00	1028.00		
2020-21	1150.00	1150.00		
2021-22	1203.32	1203.32		

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration with the ASI.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2512 FOR 01.08.2022

SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME

(Rs. in Crores)

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Name of	Circuit	Year of	Name of the	Approved	Released	Utilized	
State		Sanction	project	Cost	cost	amount	
Bihar	Rural circuit	2017-18	Development of Bhitiharwa- Chandrahia- Turkaulia	44.65	35.72	25.48	
Bihar	Spiritual	2017-18	Development of Mandar Hill and Ang Pradesh	44.55	40.85	38.12	
Rajasthan	Heritage Circuit	2017-18	Development of Rajsamand (Kumbhalgarh Fort) – Jaipur (Facade Illumination in Jaipur and Naharagarh Fort) Jhalawar (Gagron fort)- Chittorgarh (Cnittorgarh Fort)- Jaisalmer(Jaisalmer Fort) Hanumangarh (Gogamedi) Udaipur (Pratap Gaurav Kendra) Dholpur (bagh-I- nilofor and Purani Chawani)Nagaur (Meera bai Smarak, Merta)- Tonk (Sunehri Kothi)	70.61	56.57	55.20	