

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.73
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

CONSERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS

73. SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated & disbursed by the Government for conservation, preservation and protection of ancient monuments across the country particularly for Tamil Nadu during the last five years, dynasty-wise;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for the digital mapping of these protected ancient monuments;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted any expert committee with regard to the introduction and usage of latest digital twin technologies and for the allocation of funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes the conservation, preservation, protection and maintenance of protected monuments across the country, including Tamil Nadu irrespective of dynasty, age or otherwise. The funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the last five years, is given as under:-

(Amount Rs. in Crores)

S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2019-20	435.61	435.39
2.	2020-21	260.90	260.83
3.	2021-22	270.00	269.57
4.	2022-23	392.71	391.93
5.	2023-24	443.53	443.53

- (b) ASI came up with a user friendly mobile application namely "Indian Heritage App" with all depository of entire national cultural wealth having a comprehensive database for all protected monuments of national importance as a single access platform for Indian heritage and cultural edifices having information on vital aspects with textual content and added by interactive digital maps.
- (c) No Sir, No such committee has been constituted by the Ministry.
- (d) Question does not arise.