

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1014
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

SAFETY AND SECURITY OF ASI MONUMENTS

1014. SHRI DAGGUMALLA PRASADA RAO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the security personnel employed for the safety and security of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) monuments in the country;
- (b) the details of the number of incidents of vandalism in ASI protected monuments took place during the last five years, State and year wise, in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Government has undertaken any measures to curb such incidents of vandalism, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government for the upkeep and protection of ASI monuments during the last five years, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Regular watch & ward and security is provided at protected monuments and protected areas through regular staff, private security agency and CISF. Details thereof are as under:

Multi Tasking Staff	3507
Private Security	2763
CISF	592

- (b) Details of incidents of vandalism reported at protected monuments during the past five years are given at **Annexure**.
- (c) Field staff maintains strict vigil at the monuments and also carry out surprise inspections. CCTV cameras are also installed at strategic locations at selected monuments.
- (d) Expenditure incurred on upkeep; conservation, preservation and maintenance of protected monuments and sites including expenditure incurred on security during the last five years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rupees in crore)
2019-20	551.46
2020-21	430.19
2021-22	413.09
2022-23	508.01
2023-24	585.85

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1014 FOR 02.12.2024.

DETAILS OF INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM AT PROTECTED MONUMENTS/ PROTECTED AREAS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS.

Sl. No	State / U.T.	Name of monuments	Incidents of Vandalism	Year
1.	Delhi	Zaffar Mahal, Mehrauli	Damage to jali of the monument.	2023
		Red Fort, Delhi	Damage to Ticketing system, Entrance gate and RR Barrack.	2021
2.	Karnataka	Vishnu temple, adjoining monument of Elephant Stable at Kamalapura	A pillar has been pulled down.	2019
		Sadasiva Temple, Nuggehalli, Channarayapatna taluk, District Hassan	Removal of Copper Kalasa.	2020
3.	Odisha	Sisupalgarh Fort	Illegal development of road by removing the rampart wall of Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar.	2021
		Sisupalgarh Fort	Cutting of ancient rampart wall on the western side of Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar.	2023
4.	Telangana	Char Minar, Hyderabad	One incident of Vandalism.	2022
5.	Uttarakhand	Mritunjaya Temple, Dwarahat, Dist. Almora	One Shivlinga was vandalized.	2021
6.	Uttar Pradesh	Daulatpur of Lalitpur District.	A part of the statue was vandalized.	2022
		Kalinjar Fort	Part of a female statue/figurine in Kalinjar Fort was vandalized.	2023
