

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1114
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

DEVELOPMENT OF SIRPUR, CHHATTISGARH

†1114. SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the efforts being taken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for conservation of remains of ancient civilization connected with India history and archaeology in Mahasamund Constituency;
- (b) whether the Department of Archaeology proposes to make further excavation in Sirpur after discovering remains pointing to existence of a vast town therein, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to display Sirpur as an international tourist place because Sirpur is equally important for Hinduism and Buddhism;
- (d) the details of amount received from the Government for development of Sirpur during the last three years;
- (e) if so, the item-wise and location-wise details of amount spent; and
- (f) if not, whether there is any plan to spend the amount thereon?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 05 Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites under the care and maintenance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the Mahasamund Constituency. Their Conservation undertaken as per the requirement and availability of resources.
- (b) Excavation of a potential site is done either by ASI or by State departments of archaeology, universities, etc. Process of excavation involves planning and necessary approval as per rules.
- (c) State Governments and Ministry of Tourism take all necessary steps for promoting any place as a tourist destination.

- (d) The details of amount allotted for the development of Sirpur during the last three years are given as under:-

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of Monument	Year		
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1.	Laxman temple Sirpur, Dist. Mahasamund	36.78	41.00	16.32
2.	The area around Sirpur village of mound to the east of village Sirpur, Dist. Mahasamund	202.00	281.50	89.33

- (e) The details of items of works executed and details of amount spent are given & at Annexure-I
- (f)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1114 FOR 02.12.2024.

Details of items of works executed during last three years i.e. 2021-22, 2022-23& 2023-24 in respect of centrally protected monuments/sites under Mahasamund constituency, Chhattisgarh

S. No.	Name of Monument	(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)	Year 2021-22	(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)	Year 2022-23	(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)	Year 2023-24
1.	Laxman temple Sirpur, Dist. Mahasamund	36.78	General maintenance and upkeep, vegetation clearance work. <u>Comprehensive Laxman Temple</u> Providing recess pointing with traditional mortar, providing and installing RO water plant, repairing of lighting and conductor etc.	41.00	General maintenance and upkeep.	16.32	General maintenance and upkeep, 360 degree scenes/view point of group of temple, Sirpur
2.	The area around Sirpur village of mound to the east of village Sirpur, Dist. Mahasamund	202.00	<u>Shiva Temple No. 2, Sirpur</u> Resetting of damaged/ out of plumb ancient brick structure using 60% dismantal& 40% new special size bricks using traditional lime mortar, p/l cist stone plate flooring. <u>Palace Complex</u> resetting of damaged/ out of plumb ancient brick structure using 60% dismantal& 40% new special size bricks using traditional lime mortar, p/l cist stone plate pathway, providing new borewell for drinking water purpose. <u>Damaged boundary wall, grill & gate</u> Providing MS grill over the boundary wall and MS gate. <u>Signage</u> CNB and DNB <u>SurangTila</u> Resetting of ancient floor <u>SRP-28</u> Providing and constructing RR guard wall, p/f MS grill. <u>Vihara Complex</u> Providing and constructing RR guard wall, landscaping <u>SRP-25</u> Taking out old sunken ancient stone floor and relaying with cist stone plate using traditional mortar.	281.50	<u>Signage</u> Repairing & painting of old entrance gate at Sirpur <u>Market Complex</u> Resetting of damaged/ out of plumb ancient stone wall, p/l thick cist stone with lime mortar, new borewell. <u>SRP-28</u> Resetting of damaged/ out of plumb ancient stone structure, vegetation clearance works. <u>Vihara Complex</u> Disposal of dirty water from tank, removal silt from tank, disposal of building rubbish/malba etc. <u>SRP-25</u> Resetting of damaged/ out of plumb ancient brick structure, taking out old sunken ancient stone floor. <u>Shiva Temple no. 01</u> Providing of stone masonry work random rubble stone 20% new & 80% old stones wall, supply & fixing of MS grill with angle iron over the wall, vegetation clearance work, new borewell.	89.33	<u>Market Complex</u> Resetting of stone structure, RR stone masonry, pathway flooring. <u>SRP-25</u> Providing and laying of size bricks with lime mortar. <u>Shiva Temple no. 01</u> Providing of stone masonry work random rubble stone 20% new & 80% old stones wall, supply & fixing of MS grill with angle iron over the wall.