

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

**HERITAGE BUILDINGS IN PUNJAB**

2176. SHRI AMRINDER SINGH RAJA WARRING:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total funds allocated to Punjab State for making heritage buildings accessible during the last four years;
- (b) the details of the number of heritage buildings in Punjab State that have been made accessible; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to attend any challenges faced in implementing accessibility guidelines in the said State?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up conservation and maintenance work of 33 protected monuments/sites including provision of amenities to make the monuments accessible in the state of Punjab. The details of funds allocated for conservation and maintenance works for the protected monuments/sites of Punjab State during the last four years are as under:

(Amount in Rs.)		
Sl.No.	Financial Year	Amount Allocated
1.	2020-21	80,00,000
2.	2021-22	1,50,00,000
3.	2022-23	6,53,00,000
4.	2023-24	11,00,00,000

(b) The monuments/sites under the jurisdiction of ASI are accessible and in good state of preservation. However, the following monuments have been upgraded and made accessible during the last four years:-

1. Baradari Generally known as Anarkali at Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab
2. Shamsheer Khan Tomb, Batala, Distt. Gurdaspur, Punjab
3. Ancient Site, Sunet Distt. Ludhiana, Punjab
4. The Ghatti Mound Nagar, Distt. Jalandhar, Punjab

(c) The protected monuments of national importance are strictly regulated by the ASI according to the provisions prescribed under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

Further, ASI has made protected monuments/sites as accessible as possible by providing facilities such as Ramps, pathways with tactile strip/guide paths, wheelchairs/carts, Braille signage, Divyang toilets, Audio or App-based guide, etc.

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