

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2237**  
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2024

**Survey regarding Archaeological Development and National Heritage**

2237. Smt. Rachna Banerjee:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether any survey/assessment of the potential of archaeological development and national heritage by the Government in the country including West Bengal State has been done or proposed to be done;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the funds released for the development of national heritage in the country, especially in the State of West Bengal during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) and (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) regularly conducts Village to Village Survey to explore and assess the potential of archaeological sites and heritage structures in the country. The details of villages surveyed in the country including West Bengal State during last 10 years are given in **Annexure**.

(c) Funds released for the maintenance, conservation and preservation of monuments of national importance in the country during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2021-22	269.57
2022-23	391.93
2023-24	443.53

In regard to the state of West Bengal, the funds released for the maintenance, conservation and preservation of monuments of national importance during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year	Expenditure (Rs. in crore)
2021-22	11.62
2022-23	16.99
2023-24	16.96

**ANNEXURE**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) AND (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2237 FOR 09.12.2024.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF VILLAGE TO VILLAGE SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY ASI FROM 2014-15 to 2023-24:

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of State / U.T.</b>	<b>No. of Villages Surveyed</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	54
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	02
3.	Assam	103
4.	Bihar	654
5.	Chhattisgarh	696
6.	Goa	187
7.	Gujarat	176
8.	Haryana	60
9.	Himachal Pradesh	714
10.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.)	33
11.	Jharkhand	387
12.	Karnataka	943
13.	Kerala	169
14.	Ladakh	15
15.	Madhya Pradesh	378
16.	Maharashtra	274
17.	Meghalaya	6
18.	Mizoram	71
19.	Odisha	29
20.	Punjab	1459
21.	Rajasthan	330
22.	Telangana	55
23.	Tamilnadu	770
24.	Uttar Pradesh	630
25.	Uttarakhand	907
26.	West Bengal	275

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