

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3275**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**CONSERVATION OF ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN SOUTH INDIA**

3275. SHRI THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is providing adequate funds for the conservation, preservation and protection of ancient monuments in South India;
- (b) if so, the details of the ancient temples belonging to Pallavas, Imperial Cholas, Medieval Pandyas, Cheras, Nayak dynasties during the last five years monument and dynasty-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Government for the digital mapping of these ancient protected monuments and temples;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted any expert committee with regards to the introduction and usage of latest digital twin technologies and for the allocation of funds; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes Sir, Government is providing adequate funds for the conservation, preservation & and protection of ancient monuments/sites across the country including South India
- (b) irrespective of dynasty, age or otherwise. The details of 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

- (c) ASI came up with a user friendly mobile application namely "Indian Heritage App" having a comprehensive database of 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 added by interactive digital maps.
- (d) No, Sir. No such committee has been constituted by the Ministry.
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- (e)