

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †3380**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.12.2024

**PROTECTION OF HISTORICAL SITES**

†3380. SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the historical sites and the manner in which these sites are being maintained in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding protection of historical sites like Buddhist, Jain and Hindu caves in Osmanabad Parliamentary Constituency;
- (c) if so, the details along with the present status of the proposal thereof;
- (d) the specific measures taken by the Government for protection of the said historical sites including the Kharosa Caves located in AUSA tehsil of Latur district;
- (e) the details of funds allocated by the Government especially for conservation of Trivikram Temple, the Budh Vihar relics found in the excavation and Ramalinga Appa Lamture Museum located in Ter (Tagar) city, the ancient Commercial Centre of Maharashtra; and
- (f) the rank of historical sites of Osmanabad district in the list of tourist places?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 3698 Centrally Protected Monuments/sites under the care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Conservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments/sites are undertaken by ASI as per the need of monument/site and availability of resources and they are in good state of preservation.
- (b) No such proposal has been received by ASI.
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- (c)
- (d) There are 286 Centrally Protected Monuments/sites under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Maharashtra. However, the said caves including Kharosa Caves located in AUSA tehsil of Latur District are not under the protection of ASI.
- (e) Trivikram Temple, the Budh Vihar relics found in the excavation and Ramalinga Appa Lamture Museum located in Ter (Tagar) city are not Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs) of ASI. However, the funds allocated for the conservation, preservation and development of CPMs of ASI in the State of Maharashtra during last three years are given as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

SI. No.	Financial Year	Allocation
1	2021-22	24.50
2	2022-23	39.05
3	2023-24	52.54

- (f) There are no monuments/sites in Osmanabad district under the jurisdiction of ASI.

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