

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

CONSERVATION OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS

2668. SHRI TANUJ PUNIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the amount allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for conservation of the protected monuments since January 2022 particularly in Uttar Pradesh, year and district-wise;
- (b) the details of the criteria under which Government designates a place as a protected monument;
- (c) the details of the monuments categorized by Government as protected monuments for conservation since January 2022, State-wise; and
- (d) Whether the Government is considering to increase the number of protected monuments in the next five years, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Total 743 monuments/sites are protected under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Uttar Pradesh. The details of the amount allocated, sanctioned and disbursed for conservation of protected monuments during the last three years and current financial year are as under:

(Amount Rs. in Crores)

Sl.No.	Financial Year	Allocation
1.	2021-22	42.24
2.	2022-23	63.65
3.	2023-24	65.54
4.	2024-25 (upto 03.03.2025)	44.80

- (b) ASI declares ancient monuments as protected monument of national importance under Section 4(3) of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, (AMASR Act, 1958) owing to their archaeo-historical importance.
- (c) The State-wise details of the monuments categorized by Government as protected monuments for conservation since January 2022 is given at Annexure I.
- (d) ASI undertakes exploration, surveys, inspection of monuments and sites. As and when any monument worth protecting of national importance is noticed, a protection proposal is prepared and after examination at various levels, it is declared as a protected monument under AMASR Act, 1958.

Annexure I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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Year of protection	Sl. No.	Name of Monument/Area	State
2022	1.	Ancient Quarry Site I, Dholavira	Gujarat
	2.	Ancient Quarry Site II, Dholavira	Gujarat
2023	3.	Ancient Naula at Syunrakot	Uttarakhand
	4.	Kapileswar Temple at Kapileswar	Odisha
2024	5.	Ancient Mound No. VI at Rakhigarhi	Haryana
	6.	Ancient Mound No. VII at Rakhigarhi	Haryana
