

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.25
ANSWERED ON 21/07/2025

CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES

†25. **SHRI ARUN GOVIL:**
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:
SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:
SHRI PARBHUBHAI NAGARBHAI VASAVA:
SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:
SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:
SHRI P P CHAUDHARY:
SMT. APARAJITA SARANGI:
SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:
SHRI BIBHU PRASAD TARAI:
SHRI RAJKUMAR CHAHAR:
DR. HEMANG JOSHI:
SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:
SHRI GODAM NAGESH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of antiquities retrieved from the foreign countries;
- (b) whether the Government has implemented any conservation and development projects for the revival of heritage sites across the country including the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;
- (c) if so, the details, thereof;
- (d) whether any action has been taken for the digitization of the cultural heritage of India particularly for Rajasthan State; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) A total of 655 antiquities have been retrieved from foreign countries since 1976.

- (b)&(c) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up conservation and maintenance work of ancient monuments and archaeological sites of national importance including provision of amenities like drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways and landscaping etc. in the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Maintenance of these monuments and sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need and availability of resources.
- (d)&(e) The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA), established in 2007, has documented 2,160 Built Heritage and Sites and 42,606 Antiquities from the state of Rajasthan. The data has been published at the NMMA website: <http://nmma.nic.in>.
