

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3935
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

HERITAGE BYE-LAWS FOR PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN GOA

3935. SHRI CAPTAIN VIRIATO FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details along with list of complaints from 01.01.2020 regarding illegal constructions or encroachments in protected and regulated zones of State and centrally protected monuments in Goa such as Old Goa, Harvalem, Aguada including monument/site name, location of illegality, complaint date and actions taken;
- (b) whether the heritage bye-laws, as required under Section 20E of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958, and 2011 Rules (as amended) have been prepared and notified for protected monuments and areas in Goa, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details along with list of all applications and permissions for repair, construction or other activities in prohibited and regulated areas around protected monuments in Goa approved by the National Monuments Authority, including monument name, area (prohibited/regulated), project size, location (survey number and village), applicant name, date and clearance date?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The details are at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) At present, heritage Bye-laws, as required under Section 20E of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (Framing of Heritage Bye-laws and Other Functions of Competent Authority) Rules, 2011 (as amended), have not been prepared or notified for any protected monuments or areas in Goa.
- (c) The details are at **Annexure-II**.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3935 FOR 18.08.2025.

DETAILS OF COMPLAINTS FROM 01/01/2020 TO TILL DATE REGARDING ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS OR ENCROACHMENTS IN PROTECTED AND REGULATED AREAS OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND STATE PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN GOA

(DETAILS ABOUT CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN GOA)

Sl. No.	Name of Monument / Site	Location of Illegality	Action Taken
1.	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Old Goa	With regard to an illegal construction undertaken in regulated area of the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) issued a notice dated 22.03.2022 and lodged a complaint with the local Police Station. Subsequently, a Show Cause Notice was issued on 24.04.2025. Copies of both the notice and the Show Cause/Removal Notice have been forwarded to the District Administration for its removal.
2.	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Old Goa	With regard to an illegal construction in regulated area of the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) issued a notice dated 08.03.2022 and lodged a complaint with the local Police Station. Subsequently, a Show Cause Notice was issued on 24.04.2025. Copies of the notice and the Show Cause/Removal Notice have been forwarded to the District Administration for its removal.
3.	Se' Cathedral, Old Goa	Old Goa	ASI issued a notice dated 28.11.2023 regarding illegal construction in Prohibited Area of Se' Cathedral, Old Goa and also lodged a complaint with the Police Station. Subsequently, a Show Cause Notice was issued on 24.04.2025. Copies of the notice and the Show Cause/Removal Notice have been forwarded to the District Administration for its removal.
4.	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Old Goa	A complainant was raised regarding the non-removal of temporary structures erected by the Goa State PWD for the Exposition of St. Francis Xavier 2024-2025. These structures were solely for the duration of the Exposition and were to be dismantled by the concerned department upon its conclusion. However, the structures have not yet been removed. The ASI wrote to the Secretary (Revenue), Government of Goa, on 28.01.2025, and subsequently sent a letter to the Chief Secretary, Government of Goa, on 14.07.2025.
5.	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Old Goa	Multiple complaints were lodged against the development of the Heritage Interpretation Center and Parking in Prohibited and Regulated Area of the Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa.

			The ASI issued instructions to GTDC on 24.03.2025 to stop the ongoing work.
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DETAILS ABOUT STATE PROTECTED MONUMENTS/SITES IN GOA

Sl. No.	Protected Site/Monuments	Location of Illegality	Action Taken by the Goa State Government Authorities
1	Cabo de Rama Fort, Goa	Canacona	Written letters to the Commissioner-Department of Excise, Directorate of Panchayat for necessary action.
2	Caves at Khandepar, Goa	Ponda	Written letters to the owner to provide necessary documents for the said construction along with permission
3	St. Xavier Chapel, Old Goa	Tiswadi	Written letters to Directorate of Panchayat and Chief Town Planner on 11.03.2024 for necessary action.
4.	Chapel of Our Lady of Monte, Goa	Tiswadi	Inspection Carried out and report is submitted. Written letters to The Collector (North), the Superintendent of Police (North), the Directorate of Panchayat and Chief Town Planner for necessary action.
5.	Frontispiece of Sancoale, Goa	Mormugao	Written letters to the Collector (South), the Superintendent of Police (South), the Directorate of Panchayat and Chief Town Planner for necessary action. Letters addressed to competent authority for necessary action.

ANNEXURE II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART © OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3935 FOR 18.08.2025.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS AND PERMISSIONS GRANTED BY THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS AUTHORITY FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATIONS, CONSTRUCTION RELATED ACTIVITIES IN PROHIBITED AND REGULATED AREAS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN GOA DURING THE PERIOD FROM 01.01.2020 TO TILL DATE

Sl. No	Name of the Applicant and Address	Site Address	Date of Receipt Applications in NMA and Meeting No. /Date	Name of Nearby Monument	Prohibited /regulated Area	Storey-wise Floor Area
1.	Sh.Peter Fernandes , P.O.A holder for Antonio Cai. Ado & Vasudev Kenkre, 5810 Per Seraulim, Seraulim, P.O. Colva, Goa	Sy. No. 153/4, Village Ella, Goa	11.12.2019 265 th meeting on 28 th Feb, 2020	Basilica Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Regulated Area	GF-350.02 sqmtr
2.	Sh. Neelesh R.Naik, H. No. 205, Village Ella, Old Goa, Goa	S. No. 119/4, Village Ella, Goa	-- 277 th meeting On 28 th Aug, 2020	Old Goa Church	Regulated Area	GF-133.86 sqm, FF=68.85 sqmtr
3.	St. Anthony's Chape, S Xaviers Centre for the differently abled, c/o Carritas- Goa, Bainguinim, Old Goa	Near Santa Marina Convent, Sy. No. 14/1, Village Bainguinim, Goa	22.06.2021 314 th meeting on 27 th Aug, 2021	Church of St. Augustine, Old Goa	Regulated Area	GF-728.38 sqmtr FF=453.47 sqmtr
4.	Mrs. Remediana Dias, Sinquerim, Candolim, Goa	Sy. No. 104/1~N, Village Candolim, Goa	08.10.2021 322 nd meeting on 15 th Nov, 2021	Lower Fort Aguada, Candolim	Regulated Area	GF-125.85 sqmtr
5.	Department of Tourism, Paryatan bhavan, 2n Floor, Patto, Panaji- Goa	Sy. No. 154/1(P), 154/2(P), 154/3(P) Village Ella, Goa	14.02.2023 383 rd meeting on 4 th Mar, 2023	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Regulated Area	LG floor= 234.96 sqmtr. GF-1060.74 sqmtr
6.	Shri Satish Padwalkar, Old Goa Police Station, Ella, Old-Goa, Tiswadi Taluka, Goa	SY. No.117/1, Village Ella, Goa	16.08.2023 403 rd meeting on 31 st Aug, 2023	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Regulated Area	Stilt/GF=200.98 sqmtr, Upper GF-1 st F=218.61 sqmtr
7.	Shri Sharad Padwalkar, Building No. E4, Flat G2, Navelkar Estate Co-op Housing Society	Plot No. 2, S.No. 142/1 (P), Village Ella, Goa	28.11.2023 418 th meeting on 14 th Dec, 2023	Basilica of Bom Jesus, Old Goa	Regulated Area	GF-119.436 sqmtr FF-148.658 sqmtr

	Ltd., Bainguinim, Goa.					
8.	Domnic Thomas Remedios and Joaquim Francisco Brass Remedios, Sam Brass, Gaundalim, Goa	Sy. No. 9/2-A, Village Ella, Goa	02.02.2024 426 th meeting on 19 th Feb, 2024	Se Cathredal, Old Goa	Regulate d Area	2F=489.68 sqmtr 3F=250.50 sqmtr swimming pool Area 72.00 sqmtr.
9.	Shri Chandan Parvatkar, 145, Near Bypass Road, Village Ella, Old Goa	Survey No. 94/2, Plot No. 06, Village Ella, Goa	23.06.2025 484 meeting on 09 th Jul, 2025	Portal Remains of St. Paul College, Old Goa	Regulate d Area	GF=111.00 sqmtr. FF=111.00 sqmtr.
