

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.98**  
ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**CONSERVATION OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

98. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated/released and utilised for the conservation of centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and the current year, district, site and year-wise;
- (c) whether any site management plans have been prepared for the long-term conservation and visitor management of the centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the preservation, restoration and promotional measures undertaken at Bhimeswara Temple at Draksharamam in Konaseema district; and
- (e) whether the Government plans to include additional heritage sites in Andhra Pradesh under the list of centrally protected monuments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) There are 135 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the State of Andhra Pradesh. The details are given as **Annexure**.
- (b) Amount allocated/released and utilized on the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and areas in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years and current year are given as under:

(Amount in Crore)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2022-23	11.60	11.60
2023-24	14.70	14.70
2024-25	6.50	6.50
2025-26	4.00	2.61 (up to 15.07.2025)

- (c) Periodic review, inspection, conservation and preservation of the protected monuments and areas are taken up by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the need and requirement considering availability of funds and resources, following the national conservation policy.

- (d) Details of conservation measures undertaken at Bhimeswara Temple, Draksharamam in Konaseema district, Andhra Pradesh during last four years are as given under:

Year	Name of work
2021-22	Conservation of Nivedhan sala was completed.
2022-23	1.Restoration of damaged flooring, chemical cleaning and pointing to ancient stone walls and ceiling inside Goddess Manikyamaba temple was completed. 2.Removal of old flooring and providing stone flooring in front of southern entrance was completed. 3.Providing stone apron around Somavarapu Mandapam has completed. 4. Pointing to the inner prakara wall was completed.
2023-24	
2024-25	1. Chemical conservation to the main deity (Sivalingam) and srichakra of goddess Manikyamaba has been completed.

- (e) The declaration of monuments and sites to be of national importance is a regular process and monuments and sites are included in the list of monuments and sites of national importance as per the provision of Ancient Monument and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.98 FOR 21.07.2025.**

**DISTRICT-WISE DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS AND THEIR AMOUNT ALLOCATED AND UTILISED FOR CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE IN THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH.DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.**

Sl.No.	Name of the Monument/ Site	Locality	District
1.	Hill Fort and buildings therein and the fortifications at the foot of the hill.	Gooty	Anantapuramu
2.	Madhavaraya temple (Old Vishnu temple)	Gorantla	Anantapuramu
3.	Outer wall of the Mahalakshmi temple	Goripalli	Anantapuramu
4.	Group of sculptures - Ancient Site	Hemavati	Anantapuramu
5.	Group of old temples together with adjacent land	Hemavati	Anantapuramu
6.	Large dolmen on a rocky hillock	Kalyandurg	Anantapuramu
7.	Mallikarjuna (Siva) temple	Kambaduru	Anantapuramu
8.	Veerabhadra temple	Lepakashi	Anantapuramu
9.	Basavannah temple	Lepakashi	Anantapuramu
10.	Hill fort	Madakasira	Anantapuramu
11.	Large bastion and an old gateway	Madakasira	Anantapuramu
12.	Old gopuram	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
13.	Old stamba or lamp pillar in the Sub Collector's office compound	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
14.	Seethatheertham stepped well with entrance in the from of a bull	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
15.	Small pavillion and ruined water tower in a field	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
16.	The citadel and ruined buildings on the hill	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
17.	The Hill fort and northern gateway with inscriptions	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
18.	Watch tower known as Rama's bastion	Penukonda	Anantapuramu
19.	Hill fortressand a large wall	Ratnagiri	Anantapuramu
20.	Extensive hill fortress with outlying fortification	Rayadurg	Anantapuramu
21.	Palace and two temples of Rama and Krishna	Rayadurg	Anantapuramu
22.	Chintalarayaswami temple	Tadpatri	Anantapuramu
23.	Rameswaraswami temple	Tadpatri	Anantapuramu
24.	Lower Fort	Chandragiri	Chittoor
25.	Upper Fort	Chandragiri	Chittoor
26.	Parasuramesvara temple	Gudimallam	Chittoor
27.	Fort	Gurramkonda	Chittoor
28.	Lower Fort , Center Fort wall, moat, old fort gateway, old hanuman temple, old mahammadan tomb, old mandapam and old mosque	Gurramkonda	Chittoor
29.	Mahal	Gurramkonda	Chittoor
30.	Palliswara mudaya Mahadeva temple	Kalakada	Chittoor
31.	Venkateswara Vishnu temple	Mangapuram (Hamlet of Mittapalam)	Chittoor
32.	Megalithic cairns with bounding stone circles	Pandur	Chittoor
33.	Chennakeswaraswami temple	Sompalle	Chittoor

34.	Megalithic cists and cairns	Virakuppam (Birakuppam)	Chittoor
35.	Mounds containing Buddhist remains such as stupas	Adurru	East Godavari
36.	Gollingeswara group of temples	Biccavolu	East Godavari
37.	Kanchragudi	Biccavolu	East Godavari
38.	Monolithic Ganesa Image	Biccavolu	East Godavari
39.	Nakkalagudi	Biccavolu	East Godavari
40.	Veerabhadra temple	Biccavolu	East Godavari
41.	Bhimeswara temple	Draksharama	East Godavari
42.	Rock-cut caves and cisterns and remains of Buddhist Stupas, Chaityas and Viharas (monasteries) on the hill Pandavula or Pandavulakonda	Kapavaram	East Godavari
43.	Buddhist remains at Kodavali	Kodavali	East Godavari
44.	Bhimeswara temple	Samalkot, (Bhimavaram)	East Godavari
45.	Ruined Buddhist stupa and other remains	Amaravati	Guntur
46.	An Ancient Siva temple with inscription	Ayyangaripalam (Hamlet of Pondugula)	Guntur
47.	Sri Bhavanarayanawami temple	Bapatla	Guntur
48.	Ruined Buddhist stupa	Bhattiprolu	Guntur
49.	The Sculptures, carvings, images, bas relief or other like objects discovered within the revenue limit	Buddam	Guntur
50.	Kapoteswara temple with five inscriptional slabs within the temple site	Chejerla	Guntur
51.	Inscribed rock to the west of Dharanikota	Dharanikota	Guntur
52.	Fort in ruins	Dharanikota	Guntur
53.	The Mounds with ancient remains on them	Grandhasiri (Hamlet of Vornakallu)	Guntur
54.	Inscribed marble pillar near the Gopala temple	Ipur	Guntur
55.	Ancient Buddhist remains with Brahmi inscriptions on the mound	Manchikallu	Guntur
56.	Reconstructed monumets at Anupu and Nagarjuna Konda hilltop	Nagarjunakonda	Guntur
57.	Mounds within the limit of Nagulavaram	Nagulavaram	Guntur
58.	The Sculptures, carvings, images, bas relief on the ancient mound	Pullareddigudem	Guntur
59.	(i) The mounds with remains of ancient building between the hillock of Nagarjuna Konda and the village of Pullareddigudem (ii) Mounds adjacent to the hillock reddigudem (iii) Hill of Nagarjunakonda with the ancient remains	Pullareddigudem (Agarharam)	Guntur
60.	Four-storeyed rock-cut Hindu temple	Undavalli	Guntur
61.	The Mounds with ancient remains	Velpur	Guntur
62.	Vigneswara swami temple	Chilamakuru	Kadapa YSR
63.	Agatheswaraswami Temple	Chilamkuru	Kadapa YSR
64.	Remains of the buried Jain temple	Danavulapadu	Kadapa YSR
65.	Fort with enclosed ancient buildings, Madhavaperumal temple and tower known as Madarsala	Gandikota	Kadapa YSR

66.	Saumyanatha temple	Nandalur	Kadapa YSR
67.	Ancient Village site	Peddamudiyan	Kadapa YSR
68.	Kothandaramaswami Temple	Peddamudiyan	Kadapa YSR
69.	Mukundeswara temple with inscriptions	Peddamudiyan	Kadapa YSR
70.	Narasimha temple	Peddamudiyan	Kadapa YSR
71.	Old Vishnu temple with inscriptions	Peddamudiyan	Kadapa YSR
72.	Athirala Parasurama temple	Poli	Kadapa YSR
73.	Bheemeshwara swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
74.	Indranadheshwara swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
75.	Kamalasamveswara swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
76.	Raghaveswara swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
77.	Sivakesavaswami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
78.	Trikoteswara swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
79.	Vaidhyanaadha swami temple	Pushpagiri (hamlet of Kotluru)	Kadapa YSR
80.	Fort with ancient buildings therein	Siddhout	Kadapa YSR
81.	Visvanatha swami temple	Sivalpalli	Kadapa YSR
82.	Sri Kodandarma swamy temple and adjoining buildings	Vontimitta	Kadapa YSR
83.	Ancient site with the mound marking the Buddhist Stupas in it	Alluru	Krishna
84.	Buddhist remains in a mound	Ghantasala	Krishna
85.	Mound containing Buddhist remains and ancient village site.	Gudivada	Krishna
86.	Sculptures, carvings, images other like objects found in the vicinity of the old Mosque	Gudur	Krishna
87.	Hillock containing the mound marking the ancient remains of ancient Buddhist stupas situated on it	Gummadiduru	Krishna
88.	Buddhist remains of a Stupa on the hill	Jaggayyapeta	Krishna
89.	Bandar Fort: (i) Armoury known as Fort and customs office (ii) Belfry	Masulipathnam	Krishna
90.	Dutch cemetery (D.No. 308)	Masulipathnam	Krishna
91.	Rock-cut cave temples on the Hill	Mogalrajapuram	Krishna
92.	Ancient site and remains comprised in survey plot No. 37	Munagacherla	Krishna
93.	Four pillars in the ruined mandapam in Jammidoddi	Vijayawada	Krishna
94.	Inscribed Pillar and slab in Mallesvaraswami temple	Vijayawada	Krishna
95.	Kiratharjuna Pillar on the Indrakilla Hill	Vijayawada	Krishna
96.	Two rock-cut cave temples on the Indrakilla hill known as Akkanna Muddanna caves	Vijayawada	Krishna
97.	Ruined fort and buildings therein except Ramazan masjid	Adoni	Kurnool
98.	Inscribed boulder bearing Andhra records of 150 A.D.	Chinnakadaburu	Kurnool
99.	A prominent granite hillock bearing Asokan inscription	Jonnagiri	Kurnool

100.	Gateways and the bastions of the old fort, viz. (i) Bastion No.1 Beach Ghanthi Buruzu (ii) Bastion No. 2 Lal Bangalow Buruzu (iii) Gateway to Gopala Darwaja (iv) Gateway to Panikiddi	Kurnool	Kurnool
101.	Mausoleum known as Abdul Wahab Khan's Tomb and adjoining buildings	Kurnool	Kurnool
102.	Nandavaram Temple including the sculpture of Subrahmanya	Nandavaram	Kurnool
103.	The Asokan inscription, Two early Chalukya inscriptions and One late Chalukya inscriptions.	Rajulamandagiri(Hamlet of Jutur)	Kurnool
104.	Inscribed stone lying to the east of Siva temple	Rayachoti	Kurnool
105.	Old Cave Temple	Yaganti	Kurnool
106.	Uma-Mahesvaraswami Temple	Yaganti	Kurnool
107.	Ancient Mounds	Kanuparti	Prakasam
108.	A group of eight rock-cut temples in Bhairavakonda hill	Kottapalli	Prakasam
109.	Chola Temple	Motupalle	Prakasam
110.	Ancient Mound	Pedaganjam	Prakasam
111.	Pitikeswara group of temples including Approach road	Pittikayagulla	Prakasam
112.	Ancient Site	Pusalapadu	Prakasam
113.	Ramalingeswara group of temples	Satiavolu	Prakasam
114.	Mound known as 'Bodipati Dibba'	Ramatirtham (Hamlet of Varini)	SPSR- Nellore
115.	Ancient Mound in part of S.No. 855 A	Ramatirtham	SPSR- Nellore
116.	Hill Fort with Ancient buildings therein	Udayagiri	SPSR- Nellore
117.	Krishna Temple in a part of Donka with Gopuram, Kalyanamandapam and Masonry built Tank	Udayagiri	SPSR- Nellore
118.	Ranganayakula Temple	Udayagiri	SPSR- Nellore
119.	Ancient Mound	Kalingapatnam	Srikakulam
120.	Sri Somesvara temple	Mukhalingam	Srikakulam
121.	Bhimesvara temple	Mukhalingesvara	Srikakulam
122.	Mukhalingesvara temple	Mukhalingesvara	Srikakulam
123.	Buddhist remains: (i) Six Images, (ii) Three images and some more images on the hill, (iii) One image, (iv) Three images	Salihundam	Srikakulam
124.	Eastern portion of Salihundam hill containing Buddhist remains ( A Chaitya and four stupas)	Salihundam	Srikakulam
125.	Ancient Buddhist Mounds locally known as 'Dhana Dibbalu'	Kotturu (near Gokivada forest)	Vishakhapatnam
126.	Buddhist rock-cut stupas, Dagebas and caves and the ruins of a structural Chaitya with its outbuilding and other Ancient remains on two adjoining hills known as Bojjanna Konda.	Sankaram	Vishakhapatnam
127.	Durga Bhairavakonda having an ancient monument called Durga	Neelavati	Vizianagaram
128.	Ruined Buddhist Monastery at Gurubhaktulakonda	Ramathirtham	Vizianagaram
129.	The old temple (Dibbesvaraswami temple)	Sarapalli (Sarapalle)	Vizianagaram

130.	Mounds containing Buddhist remains	Arugolanu	West Godavari
131.	Mounds locally known as Bhimalingadibba	Denduluru	West Godavari
132.	Buddhist monuments (i) Rock-cut temple, (ii) Large Monastery, (iii) Small Monastery, (iv) Brick Chaitya, (v) Ruined Mandapa, (vi) Stone built Stupa and Large group of stupas	Guntupalle	West Godavari
133.	The caves and structural stupa of Archaeological interest on Dharmalingesvarasvami hill	Jilakarragudem (Hamlet of Guntupalle)	West Godavari
134.	Ancient Mounds in S.No. 501-1	Pedavegi	West Godavari
135.	The mounds of Pedavegi : Dibba No.1 Dibba No.2, Dibba No. 3, Dibba No. 4, Dibba No. 5.	Pedavegi	West Godavari

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