

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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PROTECTED MONUMENTS UNDER ASI IN BIHAR

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) protected monuments and sites in Bihar along with the amount of funds allocated for their conservation during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify new sites of historical or archaeological importance in the Sheohar region, particularly those linked to ancient trade routes or local heritage; and
- (c) the policy of the Government for providing central assistance and protection to historically important sites which are currently not under ASI protection?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 70 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the State of Bihar, which are maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Details of funds allocated for their conservation and maintenance, during the last three years is given as under:

Year	Allocation (amount in crore)
2022-23	9.00
2023-24	16.00
2024-25	8.73
2025-26	12.50 (up to Nov. 2025)

- (b) ASI has not conducted any survey to identify new sites of historical or archaeological importance in the Sheohar district. However, 11 protected monuments and sites are situated in the surrounding districts viz; East Champaran, Muzaffarpur and West Champaran which are linked to ancient trade routes.
- (c) There is no such policy for providing central assistance, however ASI carry out the conservation works of the monuments which are not under ASI protection based on their historical and archaeological significance.
