

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*321  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026**

**PROJECTS FOR CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION  
OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS**

\*321. SHRI MANOJ KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of projects approved for conservation, restoration and upgradation of tourist facilities at protected monuments during the last three years in Bihar, particularly in Kaimur and Rohtas districts along with the funds spent these on, so far;
- (b) whether the Government has considered historically important sites in Bihar particularly in the said districts in the list of protected monuments of national importance and if so, the details thereof along with the status of proposals and the proposed steps for their conservation;
- (c) the details of the initiatives taken/being taken by the Government to develop cultural and tourism circuits in Bihar particularly in the said districts;
- (d) the details of the investment made in infrastructure and publicity to attract tourists during the last five year in Bihar, year and district wise;
- (e) the details of the involvement of local communities in tourism activities; and
- (f) the impact of cultural tourism on local economy and heritage conservation?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. \*321 FOR 16.03.2026.**

- (a) There are 70 nos. of centrally protected monuments under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Bihar. ASI takes up conservation, restoration and up-gradation of tourist facilities of these monuments/sites as per the need and availability of resources subject to the National Policy for Conservation and it is a continuous process. The details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation, restoration and up-gradation of tourist facilities in the State of Bihar during last three years are given as under:-

(Amount in Crores)

S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure incurred
1.	2022-23	9.00	9.00
2.	2023-24	16.00	16.00
3.	2024-25	8.73	8.73

The details of major conservation works executed during the last three years and current financial year in the State of Bihar are given at Annexure-I.

The details of conservation and maintenance works executed and expenditure incurred thereon in Kaimur & Rohtas districts of Bihar during the last three years are given at Annexure-II.

- (b) Protection of ancient monuments / archaeological sites and remains is a continuous process. Monuments and Sites are assessed on the basis of their archaeological, historical, and architectural significance, and those found worthy are declared as monuments/sites of national importance as per the provision of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958.
- (c) Government of India has set up North Central Zone Cultural Centre (NCZCC) at Prayagraj and Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre(EZCC) at Kolkata to preserve and promote various forms of folk art and culture of their member States. Bihar is the member State of these ZCCs and they organize various cultural activities and programmes in their member State including the State of Bihar on regular basis for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them. Some of the key programmes organized in Bihar include Octave, Meri Matti Mera Desh, Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign, Lok Natya Samaroh, Prakashotsav-350<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh, Ganga Sanskriti Yatra etc.

Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development in the country by extending financial assistance to the SGs/UTAs in synergy with the scheme guidelines, receipt of the project proposals from the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administrations, availability of funds etc.

Further, Government of India under its 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale' sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for Rs. 3295.76 Crore in the country including Bihar in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively

develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan (SD), SD2.0, CBDD, a sub scheme of under Swadesh Darshan, SASCI and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Bihar is given at Annexure-III.

- (e) Local communities participate in tourism in several ways. They often work as tourist guides, photographers, vendors, and shopkeepers, providing services and
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- (f) selling local products to visitors. Through these activities, they earn income and contribute to the overall tourism experience.

The Ministry encourages State Governments/ UT Administrations to engage with local communities and ensure robust O&M of completed projects so as to increase footfall, generate local employment and enhance overall tourist satisfaction.

Cultural tourism helps boost the local economy by creating jobs and supporting local businesses near heritage sites. It also raises public awareness about protecting cultural heritage.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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**THE DETAILS OF MAJOR CONSERVATION WORKS EXECUTED DURING THE  
LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IN THE STATE OF  
BIHAR**

**F.Y. 2022-23**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Monument</b>	<b>Details of Major Conservation works executed</b>
1.	All mounds, structures and buildings enclosed in the acquired area, Nalanda, district-Nalanda	Conservation of side portion of Temple No. 12 at Excavated remains, Nalanda
		Conservation of Monastery No. 08 at Nalanda
		Conservation of Temple No. 14 at Nalanda
		Conservation of Temple No.02 of Excavated Remains at Nalanda
		Conservation of lower portion of northern side temple No. 13 at Nalanda
2.	Buddhist Stupa, Tajpur, Deur, district- East Champaran	Conservation of Newly Expose structure of Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran
		Conservation of Eastern side of Newly Excavated site Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran.
		Conservation of West side of Newly Excavated site Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran.
3.	Ashokan Column Kolhua, district- Muzaffarpur.	Structural Conservation of Khutagarshala Swastika Monastery Ashokan Column Kolhua
4.	Ancient site of Vikramshila Monastery, Antichak, Madhorampur, Oriup, district-Bhagalpur	Conservation of North east monastery at Excavated remains at Vikramshila Antichak
		Conservation of Tibetan Temple Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
		Conservation of Monastery (South & West side) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
		Conservation of Plinth Protection (Monastery Cell) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur
		Conservation of Monastery (North side Mandap Dwaar) of Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur
		Conservation of Monastery Stair (West side) of Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
		Conservation of Monastery Stair (South side) of Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
5.	Garh of Raja Vishal at Vaishali, district- Vaishali.	Conservation Raja Vishal Ka Garh at Vaishali
6.	Tomb of Sher Shah Suri at Sasaram, district- Rohtas	Conservation of Main Dome and Peripheral Structures at Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram
7.	All ancient structures and remains or monuments within the	Conservation & restoration of Mahadeo Temple at Rajgir.

	areas enclosed by the said walls of old & new Rajgriha. (Mahadeo Temple, Rajgir, district, Nalanda.	Conservation Jarasandh Ka Akhara at Rajgir.
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8.	All ancient structures and all artificial caves and mounds containing ancient remains, which are situated within a distance of half a mile of the said ancient cities known as old & new Rajgriha, (Jarasandh Ka Baithaka, Maniyar Math), district, Nalanda.	Conservation of Jarasandh Ka Baithaka at Rajgir. Conservation of Maniyar Math at Rajgir.
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**F.Y. 2023-24**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Monument</b>	<b>Details of Major Conservation works executed</b>
1.	All mounds, structures and buildings enclosed in the acquired area, Nalanda, district-Nalanda	Conservation of Monastery No. 08 at Nalanda Conservation of Sarai Mound at Nalanda Conservation of Temple No. 02 at Nalanda Conservation and restoration of top portion of temple No. 03 including dismantling of plumb structure upto 3 meter from top and patch works in the walls, along with the restoration of stupa at the north west side at Nalanda Conservation of Temple No. 14 at Nalanda
2.	Ancient site of Vikramshila Monastery, Antichak, Madhorampur, Oriup, district-Bhagalpur	Conservation of North east Side Monastery Excavated Remains Vikramshila Mahavihar, Bhagalpur. Conservation of Monastery (North side Mandap Dwar) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur. Conservation of Monastery stair (South side) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur. Conservation of Monastery (South & West side) Vikramshila Mahavihar Antichak at Bhagalpur. Conservation of monastery stair (West side) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
3.	All ancient structures and remains or monuments within the areas enclosed by the said walls of old & new Rajgriha. (Mahadeo Temple, Rajgir, district, Nalanda.	Conservation & restoration of Mahadeo Temple at Rajgir.
4.	All ancient structures and all	Conservation of Jarasandh Ka Baithaka at Rajgir.

	artificial caves and mounds containing ancient remains, which are situated within a distance of half a mile of the said ancient cities known as old & new Rajgriha, (Jarasandh Ka Baitthaka, Maniyar Math), district, Nalanda.	Conservation of Maniyar Math at Rajgir.
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**F.Y. 2024-25**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Monument</b>	<b>Details of Major Conservation works executed</b>
1.	All mounds, structures and buildings enclosed in the acquired area, Nalanda, district-Nalanda	Conservation of Sarai Mound at Nalanda Conservation of Monastery No. 08 at Nalanda Conservation of Temple No. 02 at Nalanda. Conservation and restoration of top portion of temple No. 03 including dismantling of plumb structure upto 3 meter from top and patch works in the walls, along with the restoration of stupa at the north west side at Nalanda
2.	Ancient site of Vikramshila Monastery, Antichak, Madhorampur, Oriup, district-Bhagalpur	Conservation of Monastery stair North side Mandap DwarVikramshila, Antichak, Bhagalpur. Conservation of North East side Monastery at Excavated remains Vikramshila, Antichak, Bhagalpur. Conservation of Monastery stair South side at Vikramshila, Antichak, Bhagalpur.
3.	Ashokan Column Kolhua, district- Muzaffarpur.	Structural Conservation of Kutagarshala Swastik Monastery at Ashokan Column, Kolhua, Muzaffarpur.
4.	Buddhist Stupa, Tajpur, Deur, district- East Champaran	Conservation of West side of Newly Exposed Structure Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran. Construction of upper traces of western side of Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran. Conservation of Eastern side phase-II of Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran. Conservation of Eastern side of Newly Exposed Structure at Kesariya, East Champaran.
5.	Statue of Buddha, Jagdishpur, dist. Nalanda	Conservation of Rukmini Asthan at Jagdishpur, Nalanda
6.	All ancient structures and all artificial caves and mounds	Conservation of Maniyar Math at Rajgir.

	containing ancient remains, which are situated within a distance of half a mile of the said ancient cities known as old & new Rajgriha, (Maniyar Math), district, Nalanda.	
7.	Temple of Mundeshwari Devi at Paura Hill Ramgarh ,district- Kaimur	Conservation of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura Hill Ramgarh ,Kaimur

**F.Y. 2025-26(till date)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of Monument</b>	<b>Details of Major Conservation works executed</b>
1.	Ancient site of Vikramshila Monastery, Antichak, Madhorampur, Oriup, district- Bhagalpur	Conservation of Monastery (South & West side) Vikramshila Mahavihar, Antichak, Bhagalpur
		Conservation of Tibetan Temple Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
		Conservation of Hindu Temple Complex Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur
		Conservation of Monastery stair (South side) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
		Conservation of Monastery stair (North side Mandap Dwaar) Vikramshila Mahavihar at Antichak, Bhagalpur.
2.	All mounds, structures and buildings enclosed in the acquired area, Nalanda, district- Nalanda	Conservation & Restoration of Top portion of Temple No. 03 including dismantling of plumb structure upto 3 meter from top and patch works in the walls , alongwith the restoration of stupa at the north west side at Nalanda
		Conservation of Temple No. 14 at Nalanda
		Conservation of side portion of Temple No. 12 at Nalanda
4.	All ancient structures and all artificial caves and mounds containing ancient remains, which are situated within a distance of half a mile of the said ancient cities known as old & new Rajgriha, (Jarasandh Ka Baithaka), district, Nalanda.	Conservation of Jarasandh Ka Akhada at Rajgir, Nalanda.
5.	Statue of Buddha, Jagdishpur, dist. Nalanda	Conservation of Rukministhan at Jagdishpur, Nalanda.
6.	Sher Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram, district- Rohtas	Conservation of Main Dome and Peripheral Structures at Sher Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram.
7.	Buddhist Stupa, Tajpur, Deur, district- East Champaran	Conservation of upper terrace of western side of Buddhist stupa at Kesariya, East Champaran.

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**THE DETAILS OF CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE WORKS EXECUTED  
AND EXPENDITURE INCURRED THEREON IN KAIMUR & ROHTAS DISTRICTS  
OF BIHAR DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR**

**YEAR 2022-23**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District/State</b>	<b>Name of the work</b>	<b>Expenditure (Amount in Rupees)</b>
1.	<b>Kaimur, Bihar</b>	Conservation of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura Hill, Ramgarh, Distt- Kaimur	643221.00
2.	-do-	Repair of Bakhtiyar Khan Tomb at Chainpur.	141615.00
3.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura hill dist. Kaimur	90403.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>875239.00</b>
4.	<b>Rohtas, Bihar</b>	Development & Upgradation of Tourist Facilities under 75th Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava at Sher Shah Suri, Tomb Sasaram	195610.00
5.	-do-	Conservation and Renovation of water Bodies at Rohtas Fort, Rohtas.	1850.00
6.	-do-	Renovation of Water Bodies at Hasan Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram.	2925.00
7.	-do-	Conservation of Main Dome and Peripheral Structures at Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram	700.00
8.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Hasan Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	492858.00
9.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Ashokan inscription at Chandan Shahid Hill Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	86279.00
10.	-do-	Repair of Rohtas Garh fort at Rohtas, Sub circle Sasaram	644688.00
11.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	1636710.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3061620.00</b>

**YEAR 2023-24**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>District/State</b>	<b>Name of the work</b>	<b>Expenditure (In Rupees)</b>
1.	<b>Kaimur, Bihar</b>	Annual Maintenance of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura hill dist. Kaimur	190910.00
2.	-do-	Repair of Bakhtiyar Khan Tomb at Chainpur.	95455.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>286365.00</b>
3.	<b>Rohtas, Bihar</b>	Annual Maintenance of Hasan Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	95455.00
4.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Ashokan inscription at Chandan Shahid Hill Sasaram	95455.00
5.	-do-	Repair of Rohtas Garh fort at Rohtas, Sub circle	276115.00

		Sasaram	
6.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	745374.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1212399.00</b>

#### YEAR 2024-25

Sl. No.	District/State	Name of the work	Expenditure (In Rupees)
1.	<b>Kaimur, Bihar</b>	Conservation of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura Hill Ramgarh ,Kaimur	361000.00
2.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura hill dist. Kaimur	170916.00
3.		Repair of Bakhtiyar Khan Tomb at Chainpur.	85980.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>617896.00</b>
4.	<b>Rohtas, Bihar</b>	Development and upgradation of Tourist facilities under 75 <sup>th</sup> Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram.	1944142.00
5.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Hasan Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	85458.00
6.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Ashokan inscription at Chandan Shahid Hill Sasaram	82005.00
7.	-do-	Repair of Rohtas Garh fort at Rohtas, Sub circle Sasaram	169872.00
8.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	1001659.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3283136.00</b>

#### YEAR 2025-26 (upto Jan.2026)

Sl. No.	District/State	Name of the work	Expenditure (In Rupees)
1.	<b>Kaimur, Bihar</b>	Annual Maintenance of Mundeshwari Devi Temple at Paura hill dist. Kaimur	128940.00
2.	-do-	Repair of Bakhtiyar Khan Tomb at Chainpur.	122710.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>251650.00</b>
3.	<b>Rohtas, Bihar</b>	Conservation of Main Dome and Peripheral Structures at Sher Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram.	3480584.00
4.	-do-	Renovation of Water Bodies at Hasan Shah Suri's Tomb at Sasaram, under Amrit Sarovar Yojna.	1713560.00
5.	-do-	Conservation and Renovation of Water Bodies at Rohtas Fort at Rohtas	2257068.00
6.	-do-	Tri Colour Illumination of Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram.	438960.00
7.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Hasan Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	710046.00
8.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Ashokan inscription at Chandan Shahid Hill Sasaram	59210.00
9.	-do-	Repair of Rohtas Garh fort at Rohtas, Sub circle	299875.00

		Sasaram	
10.	-do-	Annual Maintenance of Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram Distt- Rohtas	1194081.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10153384.00</b>

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) & (d) OF THE LOK SABHA  
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**1.Details of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Bihar**

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Year	Category	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)	Amount Released/ Authorised (₹ Cr.)	Amount Utilised (₹ Cr.)
1	Development of Vaishali–Arrah–Masad–Patna–Rajgir–Pawapuri–Champapuri	2016-17	Tirthankar Circuit	33.96	30.04	29.36
2	Development of Kanwaria Route: Sultanganj–Dharmasala–Deoghar	2016-17	Spiritual Circuit	44.76	42.52	42.17
3	Development of Buddhist Circuit – Convention Centre at Bodhgaya	2016-17	Buddhist Circuit	95.18	95.18	95.18
4	Development of Bhitiharwa–Chandrahia–Turkaulia	2017-18	Rural Circuit	44.27	40.31	40.31
5	Development of Mandar Hill & Ang Pradesh	2017-18	Spiritual Circuit	44.55	42.32	42.32

**2. Details of the projects sanctioned under SD2.0 scheme in the State of Bihar**

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Year	Category	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)	Amount Authorised for utilization (₹ Cr.)
1	Development of Buddhist Meditation & Experience Centre, Bodh Gaya	2024-25	Buddhist Experience	165.44	16.54

**3. Details of the projects sanctioned under CBDD, a Sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme in the State of Bihar**

S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Year	Category	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)	Amount Authorised for utilization (₹ Cr.)
1	Development of Sonepur Fair Site, Saran	2024-25	Cultural & Heritage	24.29	2.43

**4. Details of the projects sanctioned under SASCI scheme in the State of Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)</b>	<b>Amount Released for Authorization (₹ Cr.)</b>
1	Development of Matsyagandha Lake, Saharsa	2024-25	97.61	97.09
2	Karamchat Eco-Tourism and Adventure Hub in Karamchat	2024-25	49.51	

**5. Details of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme in the State of Bihar**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned (₹ Cr.)</b>	<b>Amount Released (₹ Cr.)</b>	<b>Amount Utilised (₹ Cr.)</b>
1	Development at Patna Sahib	2015-16	29.62	29.62	29.62
2	Development of basic facilities at Vishnupad temple, Gaya, Bihar	2014-15	3.63	3.63	3.63
3.	Development of Ambika Bhawani Temple, Saran	2024-25	13.29	0.00	0.00

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