

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4855**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026

**DIGITISATION OF HISTORICAL/RELIGIOUS SITES AND ANTIQUITIES**

†4855. **SHRI GYANESHWAR PATIL:**  
**SHRI BHUMARE SANDIPANRAO ASARAM:**  
**SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:**  
**DR. SHIVAJI BANDAPPA KALGE:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for the digitisation of historical/religious sites and antiquities located across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise particularly Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the digitized data is publicly accessible and available in regional language;
- (c) whether any mechanism has been established to ensure standardization and accuracy in documentation;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any technical tools or taken any initiatives to support its preservation and display, particularly in Maharashtra including Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar district;
- (e) whether the Government has any plan to include this database in the curriculum of schools and higher education to raise awareness among students in Maharashtra and Khandwa Lok Sabha Constituency of Madhya Pradesh; and
- (f) if so, the details of the said digitalization work along with the targeted timeline thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) The Government of India has established the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) in 2007 to prepare two national registers on the documentation and digitization of unprotected monuments (Built Heritage and Sites) and antiquities across the length and breadth of the country.

So far, the NMMA has documented 1.84 lakhs Monuments (Built Heritage & Sites) and 17.20 lakhs Antiquities. The State-wise list including Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) Yes, A part of the digitized data is available for public access in English language at the NMMA website: <http://nmma.nic.in>.

(c) The NMMA has established a uniform format for documentation of monuments and antiquities with 20 and 21 parameters for standardization and accuracy in documentation. All documentation work is carried out in accordance to these guidelines.

(d) Currently no such scheme is available with the NMMA, ASI.

(e) & (f) NMMA regularly conducts workshops in various regions to raise awareness about documentation of monuments and antiquities, organises training programs for universities, colleges, NGOs, and other interested organizations, in coordination with field offices of Archaeological Survey of India.

## ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-4855 FOR 23.03.2026

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF ANTIQUITIES DOCUMENTED BY NATIONAL MISSION ON MONUMENTS AND ANTIQUITIES

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total Data
1	Andhra Pradesh	16,404
2	Assam	1,168
3	Bihar	2,500
4	Chandigarh	19,659
5	N. C. T. Of Delhi	3,52,145
6	Gujarat	55,369
7	Haryana	3,01,240
8	Himachal Pradesh	4,948
9	Jammu & Kashmir/UT	76,889
10	Karnataka	747
11	Madhya Pradesh	19,902
12	Maharashtra	1,63,482
13	Odisha	12,356
14	Punjab	70,708
15	Rajasthan	90,000
16	Tamil Nadu	13,956
17	Telangana	481
18	Uttar Pradesh	39,560
19	West Bengal	3,447
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,44,961</b>
	Total ASI Circles\Museums\Branches\CAC data	<b>4,57,220</b>
	Data under verification	<b>17,958</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,20,139</b>

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