

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5046
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026

PROMOTION AND PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

5046. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the schemes currently being implemented by the Government for preservation and promotion of India's tangible and intangible cultural heritage, particularly in aspirational and backward districts, such as Kalahandi and Nuapada in Odisha;
- (b) the details of total funds allocated and utilised under these schemes during the last three financial years, State/UT and year-wise, especially in Odisha; and
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up any cultural resource centres or museums in Odisha, especially in the said district?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 82 nos. of centrally protected monuments under the jurisdiction of & Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the State of Odisha including 01 monument
- (b) namely Asurgarh Fort in the District of Kalahandi. ASI takes up conservation and preservation works 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 expenditure incurred for conservation and maintenance of Asurgarh Fort during the last three years including current year are given as under:-

(Amount in Rs.)

Expenditure incurred during the year			
2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Nil	Nil	6360/-	195344/-

The details of total funds allocated and utilised by ASI for conservation and maintenance during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise, including State of Odisha are given at Annexure-I.

The Government of India has set up Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre (EZCC) at Kolkata to promote various forms of folk art of its member States which includes the State of Odisha. EZCC organizes various cultural activities in its member States for which annual grant-in-aid is provided to them. The grant-in-aid released to EZCC, Kolkata during the last three years is as under:

Year	Amount released (in lakhs)
2022-23	755.81
2023-24	897.14
2024-25	1145.48

EZCC organizes number of programmes like Folk Fair, National Tribal/ Folk Dance & Music Festival, Chilika Shelduck Folk Carnival, All India Multilingual Drama & Dance Festival etc. in Odisha. Workshops viz. Filigree, Patachitra, Mayurbhanj Chhau and Saura Painting are also conducted by EZCC to promote dying & vanishing folk art forms.

- (c) At present, there is no such proposal under consideration.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5046 FOR 23.03.2026.

The details of total funds allocated and utilised by ASI for conservation and maintenance during the last three years, State/UT and year-wise, including State of Odisha.

(Amount in Crores)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90
		Jhansi	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10
		Lucknow	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91
		Sarnath	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32	7.62	7.62
		Meerut	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60
		Mumbai	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19
		Nagpur	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55
		Hampi	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52
		Dharwad	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30
		Jabalpur	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar / Puri	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14
		Trichy	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80
9.	Punjab Haryana	Chandigarh	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94
12.	Goa	Goa	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00
13.	Assam	Guwahati	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71
	Meghalaya							
	Nagaland							
	Arunachal Pradesh							
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25
	Mizoram							
	Tripura							
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91

		Jodhpur	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90
18.	Bihar	Patna	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73
19.	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20
21.	Kerala	Thrissure	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69
	Gujarat	Rajkot	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25
