

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5855
ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

**UNTRACEABLE AND MISSING PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES**

5855. SHRI APPALANAIDU KALISSETTI:
SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of centrally protected monuments and archaeological sites under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the number of State/UT-protected monuments in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of number of such centrally and State/UT-protected monuments/sites which have been reported missing, untraceable, submerged, destroyed or otherwise unidentifiable during the last five years, year and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons identified for such monuments/sites becoming untraceable, including urbanisation, encroachments, submergence due to reservoirs or dams, inadequate documentation or other factors;
- (d) the details of such monuments/sites in Andhra Pradesh, site-wise, along with the present status of each site; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to locate, restore, document, digitally map and secure such monuments/sites, including the use of Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping, satellite imagery and digitisation of records to prevent such occurrences in future?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 3686 protected monuments and protected areas (Archaeological sites) across the country, which are looked after by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). State/UT-wise details are given at **Annexure**.
- (b)& At present, no protected monument or protected area (sites) under the care and maintenance of
- (c) ASI is untraceable.
- (d)& Question does not arise.
- (e)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5855 FOR 30.03.2026.

STATE-WISE DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS (SITES) UNDER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN THE COUNTRY.

| Sl.No. | Name of State / U.T. | Number of Protected Monuments and Protected Areas |
|--------------|------------------------|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 135 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 03 |
| 3. | Assam | 55 |
| 4. | Bihar | 70 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 46 |
| 6. | Daman & Diu (U.T.) | 11 |
| 7. | Goa | 21 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 205 |
| 9. | Haryana | 91 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 40 |
| 11. | Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.) | 56 |
| 12. | Jharkhand | 14 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 506 |
| 14. | Kerala | 30 |
| 15. | Ladakh (U.T.) | 15 |
| 16. | Madhya Pradesh | 291 |
| 17. | Maharashtra | 286 |
| 18. | Manipur | 01 |
| 19. | Meghalaya | 08 |
| 20. | Mizoram | 02 |
| 21. | Nagaland | 04 |
| 22. | N.C.T. Delhi (U.T) | 170 |
| 23. | Odisha | 82 |
| 24. | Puducherry (U.T.) | 07 |
| 25. | Punjab | 33 |
| 26. | Rajasthan | 161 |
| 27. | Sikkim | 03 |
| 28. | Tamil Nadu | 412 |
| 29. | Telangana | 08 |
| 30. | Tripura | 08 |
| 31. | Uttarakhand | 43 |
| 32. | Uttar Pradesh | 734 |
| 33. | West Bengal | 135 |
| TOTAL | | 3686 |