

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5871
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2026

CONSERVATION OF SACRED ENSEMBLES OF THE HOYSALAS

5871. SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the funds allocated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the conservation of the Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas at Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura, since their UNESCO World Heritage inscription in 2023, along with the specific conservation works carried out at each site, year wise;
- (b) the details of steps taken to develop and conserve St. Mary's Island in Karnataka, which has recently been added to UNESCO's Tentative List, including the funds allocated and the timeline for its formal nomination;
- (c) the list of the 15 archaeological sites announced for development in Budget 2026-27, along with their locations, including the funds allocated therefor; and
- (d) the details of the National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid announced in Budget 2026-27, including the number of heritage sites in Karnataka that is likely to be covered and the timeline for their digital documentation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The details of the funds allocated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the conservation of the Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas at Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura along with the specific conservation works carried out at each site, year wise, during the last three years are given at Annexure-I
- (b) St. Mary's Islands are a group of four tiny islands, forming an NNW-SSE chain for about 6 km, situated off Malpe in Udupi District on the west coast of India, in Karnataka. They were listed on UNESCO's Tentative List in 2025 under the Natural category. The sites are protected by the Coastal Regulation Zones of the Government of India and have been declared a National Geological Monument by the Geological Survey of India since 1978.
- (c) The list of the 15 archaeological sites announced for development in Budget 2026-27 is attached in Annexure-II. Specific fund allocated is being finalized. Conservation and development works of all protected monuments, including the 15 archaeological sites, is undertaken as per requirement and from funds allocated to ASI.
- (d) National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid, execution is under planning stage.

ANNEXURE – I

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA
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The details of the funds allocated by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for the conservation of the Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas at Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura

(Amount in Rs.)

Name of Monument	Financial Year		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Channakeshava Temple, Belur	3764390/-	1575072/-	1577157/-
Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebidu	44623847/-	2062201/-	304406/-
Keshava Temple, Somanathapura	5987698/-	967390/-	342622/-

The details of specific conservation works carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at the Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas at Belur, Halebidu and Somanathapura

Name of Monument	Financial Year		
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Channakeshava Temple, Belur	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Resetting of Old Undulated paving stone inside the temple area.2. Repairs to the damaged Gopura of the temple (Ongoing).3. Upgradation of Existing Toilet Block.4. Relaying the schist stone pathway, contextual signages, Facility signages, Water Facility, Dustbins, Signages, CCTV Cameras, Ramp etc5. Upgradation of Electrification work, Fixing of Loose sculptures and documentation.6. Weathering Proof Course to Sanskrit Paathashala and cloister mandapa.6. Display of Interpretation Boards inside Monument.7. Rejuvenation of Kalyani (Tank)8. Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Repairs to the damaged Gopura of the temple (Ongoing).2. Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.	<p>General Maintenance, cleaning etc.</p> <p>No major conservation work</p>
Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebidu	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Relaying the schist stone pathway, contextual signages, Facility signages, Water Facility, Dustbins, Signages, stone benches, grill painting.2. Construction of Interpretation Centre.3. Up gradation of Museum Building.4. Upgradation & Extension of Toilet block.5. Installation of CCTV Camera, Vegetation removal,6. Arrangement and Display of Loose sculptures.7. Upgradation of Parking Area by laying interlock pavement tiles.8. Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.	<p>Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.</p>	<p>General Maintenance, cleaning etc.</p> <p>No major conservation work</p>

Keshava Temple, Somanathpura	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Providing Benches, Dustbins, Signages, Water Kiosk.2. Upgradation of Toilet Block.3. Upgradation of VIP Room.4. Upgradation of Ticket Counter.5. Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.	Regular Up keeping and Maintenance.	General Maintenance, cleaning etc. No major conservation work
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5871 FOR 30.03.2026.

The list of the 15 Archaeological Sites announced for development in Budget 2026-27.

S. No.	Site	Chronological Period	State/UT
1.	Lothal	c.2400 – 1900BCE	Gujarat
2.	Adichanallur	c.1000 – 600BCE	Tamil Nadu
3.	Sarnath	3rd century BCE onwards	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Dholavira	c.3000 – 1500BCE	Gujarat
5.	Rakhigarhi	c.2600 – 1900BCE	Haryana
6.	Hastinapur	c. 1200 BCE – Gupta period	Uttar Pradesh
7.	Agroha	1 st century BCE –18th century CE	Haryana
8.	Udayagiri	2nd century CE–12 th century CE	Odisha
9.	Sannati	3rd century BCE – 3 rd century CE	Karnataka
10.	Leh Palace	17th century CE	Ladakh
11.	Chittorgarh Fort	7th–16th century CE	Rajasthan
12.	Jhansi Fort	17 th century CE - 19 th CE	Uttar Pradesh
13.	Purana Qila	12 th century BCE to 19 th century CE	Delhi
14.	Eran	2 nd millennium BCE to 16 th century CE	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Sibasagar	13 th century CE to 19 th century CE	Assam