

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1347**  
ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

**DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

1347 SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of centrally protected monuments and archaeological sites maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise;
- (b) the details of the Central schemes and funds sanctioned for the development of pilgrimage centers and heritage sites in Himachal Pradesh district and project wise during the last five financial years;
- (c) the details of status of conservation, renovation and infrastructure works, including approach roads, parking, pilgrim amenities and timelines for completion, project-wise;
- (d) the details of funds sanctioned, released, utilised and unspent from 2019-20 to till date, district and project-wise;
- (e) whether structural risk assessment, climate-vulnerability mapping and community participation involving local bodies, faith institutions and youth have been undertaken;
- (f) the expected impact on heritage conservation, pilgrim footfall, tourism revenue; and
- (g) whether additional monuments in the said State are proposed to be declared as centrally protected?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) There are 40 ancient monuments and archaeological sites and remains (areas) declared as of national importance in the State of Himachal Pradesh, which are maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The district-wise details are given at **Annexure**.
- (b) The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India under its “Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive” (PRASHAD) Scheme, provides financial assistance to State Governments (SGs) and Union Territory Administrations (UTAs) for the development of tourism-related infrastructure at identified religious and heritage sites across the country. However, no project has been sanctioned in the State of Himachal Pradesh under PRASHAD Scheme.

- (c) Their restoration, conservation, preservation, maintenance and environmental development, & providing visitors facilities, pathways, signages etc. are carried out by ASI based on the requirement, and availability of resources, which is a regular phenomenon, following the National Conservation Policy, 2014. The details of expenditure incurred towards these works from 2019-20 to till date as under:

(amount in crore)

| <b>Year</b> | <b>Expenditure</b>            |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| 2019-20     | 2.15                          |
| 2020-21     | 1.25                          |
| 2021-22     | 1.15                          |
| 2022-23     | 8.90                          |
| 2023-24     | 5.00                          |
| 2024-25     | 2.79                          |
| 2025-26     | 2.10                          |
| 2026-27     | 0.87                          |
|             | <b>(up to<br/>16.07.2026)</b> |

- (e) Inspection of monuments and sites is taken up by ASI's officials/officers from time to time to & assess their condition and annual works programme is drawn for conservation and maintenance accordingly. To secure the protected area boundary walls, fencing, etc. are provided as per need. In addition to the regular watch and ward staff, private security personnel have also been deployed for the safety and security of selected protected monuments and sites. However, no such assessment and climate vulnerability mapping has been done. Further, ASI promotes community participation and awareness through heritage walks, lectures, exhibitions, competitions, guided tours and outreach programmes organised on the occasions such as World Heritage Day, World Tourism Day, World Heritage Week etc.
- (g) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

## ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1347 FOR 27.07.2026.

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

| Sl.No. | NAME OF THE MONUMENT AND AREAS (SITES)                                                                                                                                     | LOCALITY          | DISTRICT |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| 1.     | Ganesh Temple Bharmaur                                                                                                                                                     | Bharmaur          | Chamba   |
| 2.     | Laxmi (Lakhan) Devi Temple Bharmaur                                                                                                                                        | Bharmaur          | Chamba   |
| 3.     | Mani Mahesh Temple Bharmaur                                                                                                                                                | Bharmaur          | Chamba   |
| 4.     | Narsingh Temple Bharmaur                                                                                                                                                   | Bharmaur          | Chamba   |
| 5.     | Champavati Temple                                                                                                                                                          | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 6.     | Rock sculptures depicting Sita Ram, Hanumana etc. Sarotha, ParganaPanjila                                                                                                  | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 7.     | Shri Bajreshwari Temple, Bhardiath                                                                                                                                         | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 8.     | Shri Bansi Gopal Temple                                                                                                                                                    | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 9.     | Shri Chamunda Devi Temple                                                                                                                                                  | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 10.    | Shri Hari Rai Temple                                                                                                                                                       | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 11.    | Shri Lakshmi Narayan group of Temples                                                                                                                                      | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 12.    | Shri Sita Ram Temple                                                                                                                                                       | Chamba            | Chamba   |
| 13.    | Sri Shakti Devi Temple                                                                                                                                                     | Chhatrari         | Chamba   |
| 14.    | Narbadeshwar Temple and including the paintings therein as well as subsidiary shrines within the compound wall together with adjacent land confined in survey plot no. 786 | Sujanpur          | Hamirpur |
| 15.    | Katoch Palace                                                                                                                                                              | Tira Sujanpur     | Hamirpur |
| 16.    | Temple at Asapuri                                                                                                                                                          | Ashapuri          | Kangra   |
| 17.    | Temple of Baijnath                                                                                                                                                         | Baijnath          | Kangra   |
| 18.    | Temple of Sidhnath                                                                                                                                                         | Baijnath          | Kangra   |
| 19.    | Buddhist stupa known as BhimTila                                                                                                                                           | Chaitru           | Kangra   |
| 20.    | Ruined Fort                                                                                                                                                                | Kangra            | Kangra   |
| 21.    | Rock inscription at Kunyara                                                                                                                                                | Khanyara          | Kangra   |
| 22.    | Fort                                                                                                                                                                       | Kotla (Kotlah)    | Kangra   |
| 23.    | Monolithic Temples at Masrur with sculptures lying in and outside them                                                                                                     | Masroor           | Kangra   |
| 24.    | Ruined Fort                                                                                                                                                                | Nurpur            | Kangra   |
| 25.    | Rock inscription at Pathiar Bounded on the North and East by land Belonging to Mangtu Girth and West and South by land belonging to Raman Girth                            | Pathiar           | Kangra   |
| 26.    | Lord Elgin's Tomb at Uppper Dharamsala                                                                                                                                     | Upper Dharamshala | Kangra   |
| 27.    | Temple of BashesharMahadeo                                                                                                                                                 | Bajaura           | Kullu    |

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| 28. | Temple of Gaurishankar with sculptures lying in and outside of it                                                                                                                | Dassal           | Kullu          |
| 29. | A Miniature stone Saiva Temple                                                                                                                                                   | Jagatsukh        | Kullu          |
| 30. | Hidamba Devi Temple together with adjacent area comprised in part of survey plot nos. 2058 and 2059 and wasteland as shown in the plan reproduced below                          | Manali           | Kullu          |
| 31. | Temple of Gaurishankar with its sculptures                                                                                                                                       | Naggar           | Kullu          |
| 32. | Buddhist Monastery together with adjacent area comprised in survey plot no. 16 as shown on the attached plan                                                                     | Tabo             | Lahaul&Spiti   |
| 33. | PhooGumpha Buddhist monastery                                                                                                                                                    | Tabo             | Lahaul&Spiti   |
| 34. | MirkulaDevi Temple                                                                                                                                                               | Udaipur (Lahaul) | Lahaul & Spiti |
| 35. | Ardhanariswara Temple and adjoining land comprised in survey plot nos. 195, 203 and portions of survey plot nos. 193, 194,196 and 204 as shown in the site plan reproduced below | Mandi            | Mandi          |
| 36. | Barsela Monuments                                                                                                                                                                | Mandi            | Mandi          |
| 37. | Panchvaktra Temple                                                                                                                                                               | Mandi            | Mandi          |
| 38. | Temple of Trillokinath                                                                                                                                                           | Mandi            | Mandi          |
| 39. | Vice Regal Lodge (Rashtrapati Niwas)                                                                                                                                             | Shimla           | Shimla         |
| 40. | Siva temple                                                                                                                                                                      | Mangarh          | Sirmaur        |

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