

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2331
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of centrally protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) that have been identified as requiring urgent conservation, repair or protection from encroachment, State/UT-wise, particularly district-wise in Chhattisgarh such as the Laxman Temple in Sirpur and Bhoramdeo Temple;
- (b) the details of budget allocation and actual expenditure for the maintenance and repair of ASI monuments, State/UT-wise, particularly in Chhattisgarh since 2022;
- (c) the details of current sanctioned strength and vacancies in ASI, category-wise, including archaeologists, conservation assistants, engineers, site-security staff and other technical staff including Raipur Circle;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of manpower and financial constraints on the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments, and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of monuments currently entrusted to private entities, corporate bodies or other organisations for maintenance, conservation or visitor management, State/UT-wise;
- (f) whether any historical monuments in Chhattisgarh have been proposed or entrusted to private entities under the 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme for visitor management and upkeep;
- (g) whether the Government has identified any instances of non-compliance, inadequate maintenance or violation of prescribed conservation norms by such entities especially in the form of construction of structures in protected areas under ASI, particularly in village Old Goa/Velha Goa in Goa; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

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

- (a) There are 3688 centrally protected monuments and sites across the country including the Laxman Temple in Sirpur and Bhoramdeo Temple in Chhattisgarh under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). ASI undertakes conservation of these Monuments and sites as per the National Policy for Conservation, 2014 and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains (AMASR) Act, 1958, along with the rules framed thereunder. Conservation and day to day maintenance, up keeping of all these monuments and sites are carried out regularly as per the need and availability of resources. All these monuments and sites are in a good state of preservation.
- (b) The details of budget allocated and expenditure incurred for the conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments in the country, State/UT-wise, including Chhattisgarh from 2021-22 to 2025-26 are given at Annexure-I.
- (c) The details of archaeologists, conservation assistants, engineers and other technical staff in the Archaeological Survey of India and at Raipur Circle are at Annexure-II and Annexure-III respectively.
- (d) The adequacy of manpower in the Archaeological Survey of India is reviewed on a continuous basis through the sanctioned strength of various Circles, which is determined keeping in view the functional requirements, number of Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs)/sites under their jurisdiction and other administrative considerations. Deployment of available manpower is also reviewed from time to time to ensure conservation, maintenance and management of centrally protected monuments and sites.
- (e) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, is mandated to protect, conserve, preserve and maintain Centrally Protected Monuments and Sites. Under the **Adopt A Heritage 2.0** programme, ASI facilitates the development, provision and maintenance of identified visitor amenities at protected monuments through engagement with public and private entities. However, the responsibilities of such entities are strictly confined to **non-conservation activities**, whereas conservation and preservation of Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites are carried out exclusively by ASI. As on date, **31 MoUs** have been signed under the programme. The details are at **Annexure-IV**.
- (f) As far as the **Adopt A Heritage 2.0** programme is concerned, no proposal regarding any protected monument in Chhattisgarh has been received by ASI from any entity.
- (g) No private agency has been entrusted the work of conservation and preservation of & Centrally Protected Monuments in Old Goa by ASI.
- (h)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2331 FOR 03.08.2026.

DETAILS OF ALLOCATION & EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	19.35	19.35	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90	16.30	16.30
		Jhansi	4.15	4.15	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10	8.95	8.95
		Lucknow	10.44	10.44	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91	8.30	8.30
		Sarnath	5.50	5.50	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32	7.62	7.62	10.21	10.21
		Meerut	2.80	2.80	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64	8.60	8.59
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	8.00	7.99	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60	10.80	10.80
		Mumbai	12.00	12.00	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19	16.94	16.94
		Nagpur	4.50	4.50	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60	15.05	15.05
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	9.75	9.75	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55	13.51	13.51
		Hampi	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52	9.08	9.08
		Dharwad	7.32	7.32	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46	6.00	6.00
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	11.50	11.50	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30	12.80	12.78
		Jabalpur	4.75	4.75	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99	6.47	6.46
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri	8.23	8.23	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37	10.04	10.03
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	7.67	7.57	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01	4.83	4.82
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	5.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10	8.40	8.40
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai	8.00	8.00	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14	10.70	10.70
		Trichy	4.00	4.0	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90
9.	Punjab	Chandigarh	1.50	1.50	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	12.20	12.20
	Haryana											
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	1.15	1.15	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79	2.10	2.10
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	19.10	19.08	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94	42.02	42.00
12.	Goa	Goa	7.00	7.00	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	5.41	5.41
13.	Assam	Guwahati	3.30	3.30	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71	4.46	4.46
	Meghalaya											
	Nagaland											
	Arunachal Pradesh											
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.30	1.30
	Mizoram											
	Tripura											
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	7.53	7.53	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91	8.40	8.40
		Jodhpur	4.50	4.50	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24	8.90	8.90
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	7.00	6.80	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77	14.93	14.90
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	5.75	5.75	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90	15.35	15.35
18.	Bihar	Patna	3.35	3.35	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73	15.30	15.30
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar	2.55	2.55	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89	5.95	5.95
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh	0.43	0.43	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20	4.65	4.65
21.	Kerala	Thrissure	6.82	6.82	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30	4.42	4.42
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69	10.50	10.50
		Gujarat	2.50	2.50	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.84	4.84
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	3.75	3.75	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10	6.80	6.80
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	4.78	4.78	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19	16.51	16.51
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	1.18	1.16	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25	2.59	2.59
		Chemical Preservation	6.51	6.48	9.91	9.89	8.36	8.36	3.88	3.74	6.22	6.19
		Horticultural Activity (All India)	19.33	19.32	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
		DG Office	11.74	11.73	3.15	2.77	13.19	13.19	2.17	2.15	1.11	1.08
		Reserve	0.02	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	0.04	0.00
		Total	270.00	269.57	392.71	391.93	443.53	443.53	313.43	313.04	376.88	376.67

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2331 FOR 03.08.2026.

The details of archaeologists, conservation assistants, engineers and other technical staff in the Archaeological Survey of India.

S. No.	Cadre	Sanctioned strength	In position	Vacancy
1.	Archaeology	420	229	191
2.	Conservation (including Conservation Assistants and Engineers)	831	384	447
3.	<u>Other Technical Cadres</u> (Surveyor, Draftsman, Science, Epigraphy, Horticulture, Architect)	440	249	191
4.	Miscellaneous (Library, MTS, Administrative, Stenographer, Photographer etc)	7064	4820	2244
	Total	8755	5682	3073

The category-wise staff position in ASI is 2034 (UR), 1983 (OBC), 205 (EWS), 1048 (SC) and 412 (ST).

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The details of archaeologists, conservation assistants, engineers and other technical staff in the Archaeological Survey of India Details of Raipur Circle.

S. No.	Cadre	Sanctioned strength	Filled	Vacant
1.	Archaeologist	4	2	2
2.	Conservation (Engineers, Conservation Assistants)	14	7	7
3.	Other Technical Staff	5	1	4
4.	Miscellaneous	45	30	15
	Total	68	40	28

The category-wise staff position in Raipur Circle of ASI is 10 (UR), 14 (OBC), 2 (EWS), 8 (SC) and 6 (ST).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2331 FOR 03.08.2026.

DETAILS OF MOUs SIGNED UNDER AAH 2.0

Sr. No.	Monument	Entity	Circle	State
1.	Audio Guides at Multiple sites (18)	Resbird Technologies	---	---
2.	Qutub Minar	Ease My Trip Foundation	Delhi	Delhi
3.	Purana Qila	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi	Delhi
4.	Safdarjung Tomb	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi	Delhi
5.	Red Fort	Dalmia Bharat	Delhi	Delhi
6.	Ajmeri Gate	Redtape Ltd.	Delhi	Delhi
7.	Delhi Gate	Redtape Ltd.	Delhi	Delhi
8.	Kashmere Gate and Mori Gate	Redtape Ltd.	Delhi	Delhi
9.	Jantar Mantar	Apeejay Parks Hotel	Delhi	Delhi
10.	Tomb of Khan-i- Khana	Inter Globe Aviation Pvt Ltd (Indigo)	Delhi	Delhi
11.	Tomb of Najaf Khan	Sawasdee Projects Pvt Ltd	Delhi	Delhi
12.	UggarsainkiBaoli	Zee Akash News Private	Delhi	Delhi
13.	Group of Monuments, Hauz Khas	Tata Power Trading Company Ltd	Delhi	Delhi
14.	Jantar Mantar	Powerlinks Transmission Ltd	Delhi	Delhi
15.	Mehrauli Archaeological Park	Sabhyata Foundation	Delhi	Delhi
16.	Kamalapur Museum	JSW Foundation	Hampi	Karnataka
17.	Madrasa Mahmud Gawan	Shaheen Group of Institutions	Hampi	Karnataka
18.	Group of Ancient Temples, Naranag	Kakini Building Humanity Trust	Srinagar	Kashmir
19.	Western Group of Temples, Khajuraho	Ease My Trip Foundation	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh
20.	Rock shelters of Bhimbetka	HEG Ltd	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
21.	Elephanta Caves	Mahesh Enterprises	Mumbai	Maharashtra
22.	Aga Khan Palace	DCB Bank	Mumbai	Maharashtra
23.	Konark Sun Temple	Ease My Trip Foundation	Puri	Odisha
24.	BaoriAbaneri	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Jaipur	Rajasthan
25.	Baori Neemrana	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Jaipur	Rajasthan
26.	Padma and Rani Talabs at Ranthambore Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Jaipur	Rajasthan
27.	Kailasanathar Temple	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
28.	Airavatesawara Temple	Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited (CIFCL)	Trichy	Tamil Nadu
29.	Tiger Caves	Outshiny	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
30.	Agra Fort	Ease My Trip Foundation	Agra	Uttar Pradesh
31.	Budha Budhi pond at Kalinjar Fort	Bisleri International Pvt Ltd	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh