

Private Participation in Conservation of Heritage Sites

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The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protects monuments and archaeological sites that have been declared as of national importance. However, given the vast cultural landscape of India, state governments, local bodies, and other stakeholders are also encouraged to play a role in protecting and preserving local heritage.

Conservation of protected monuments and sites is also taken up under scheme of National Cultural Fund (NCF) to encourage the private participation. Further, ASI has developed a framework for engaging with the private/public sector companies to develop/provide amenities at protected monuments through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. Revamped version of the “Adopt A Heritage program 2.0” was launched on 04.09.2023 by Union Minister of Culture to enhance visitor’s experience with a view to make the monuments visitor friendly.

ASI takes up conservation and maintenance works including provision of amenities like drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways and landscaping etc. of protected monuments and sites of national importance as per the requirement considering availability of funds and resources and following the National Conservation Policy. Further, upkeep and maintenance of the protected monuments and sites is a continuous process.

This information was given by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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