

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO 3500
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2026

**CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL CULTURE HERITAGE UNDER NCF AND AMASR
ACT**

†3500 **SHRI TARIQ ANWAR**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a state wise assessment of the progress of conservation, renovation and development works of monuments and cultural heritage sites protected under the National Culture Fund and the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 from the year 2023-24 till date;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has reviewed visitor facilities, digital documentation, conservation works and heritage promotion programmes at monuments under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India;
- (d) If so, the major findings thereof;
- (e) Whether the government is considering to approving additional central initiatives or projects to promote the conservation of lesser known cultural and archaeological heritage of the country and for the conservation and development of sites associated with the historical and cultural heritage of Bihar, especially the Seemanchal region; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof;

ANSWER

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

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has made a state wise assessment of the progress of conservation, renovation and development works of monuments and cultural heritage sites
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- (b) protected by the ASI.

Conservation and maintenance of these monuments is a regular process and is taken up as per the need of monument and availability of resources. Regular Inspections are carried out by the Officers of ASI for assessing the conservation and renovation works of monuments and cultural heritage sites.

ASI takes up conservation and maintenance works of protected monuments every year. Details of allocation and expenditure made on the conservation of protected monument from 2023-24 to 05.08.2026 are attached at **Annexure-A**.

Monuments and heritage sites are not protected under the National Culture Fund (NCF). NCF only provides financial assistance for conservation, renovation and development works of some monuments and cultural heritage sites protected by the ASI. The list of works taken up at ASI protected monuments under the NCF during the last three years is placed at **Annexure-B**.

- (c) ASI regularly reviews the visitor facilities, digital documentation, conservation works and heritage promotion programmes at monuments under its jurisdiction across the country.
- (d)

The details of visitor facilities available at ASI monuments and sites are placed at the **Annexure-C**.

Besides, ASI, through its field offices, organizes community-driven and people-centric heritage promotion programmes on protected monuments/sites, such as walkthroughs, talks, drawing and painting competitions for school and college students, photo exhibitions for visitors, and consultative meetings with locals and community stakeholders on various occasions such as World Heritage Day, World Tourism Day, Museum Day, International Women's Day, World Heritage Week and International Day of Yoga among others, and at the time of various other national celebrations as and when entrusted with, to raise awareness about the need for sensitization toward the protection of the country's heritage.

- (e) ASI undertakes conservation and maintenance of all centrally protected monuments including & lesser-known monuments as per requirement and availability of resources.
- (f)

The details of approved Conservation works in respect of ASI protected monuments in the state of Bihar, including one monument located in Seemanchal region namely Kanhaiya Ji ka Mandir at Dist. Kishanganj, for Financial Year 2026-27 are attached at **Annexure-D**.

Annexure-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500 FOR 10.08.2026

DETAILS OF ALLOCATION & EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27 (up to 05.08.2026)	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90	16.30	16.30	16.00	6.71
		Jhansi	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10	8.95	8.95	8.00	3.23
		Lucknow	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91	8.30	8.30	9.20	2.30
		Sarnath	11.32	11.32	7.62	7.62	10.21	10.21	11.20	9.73
		Meerut	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64	8.60	8.59	8.00	1.81
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60	10.80	10.80	12.90	3.89
		Mumbai	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19	16.94	16.94	14.53	5.71
		Nagpur	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60	15.05	15.05	13.50	3.14
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55	13.51	13.51	13.50	4.33
		Hampi	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52	9.08	9.08	10.50	4.29
		Dharwad	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46	6.00	6.00	7.25	3.13
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30	12.80	12.78	11.00	4.10
		Jabalpur	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99	6.47	6.46	5.90	1.32
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37	10.04	10.03	9.80	2.80
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01	4.83	4.82	4.95	2.93
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10	8.40	8.40	8.00	3.59
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14	10.70	10.70	10.50	4.35
		Trichy	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90	6.30	3.70
9.	Punjab	Chandigarh	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	12.20	12.20	9.50	5.13
	Haryana									
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79	2.10	2.10	3.00	1.06
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94	42.02	42.00	38.00	12.76
12.	Goa	Goa	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	5.41	5.41	4.88	1.19
13.	Assam	Guwahati	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71	4.46	4.46	4.70	2.43
	Meghalaya									
	Nagaland									
	Arunachal Pradesh									
14.	Manipur	Aizawl	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.30	1.30	1.80	0.53
	Mizoram									
	Tripura									
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91	8.40	8.40	9.00	4.65
		Jodhpur	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24	8.90	8.90	8.00	4.46
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77	14.93	14.90	13.00	3.01
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90	15.35	15.35	13.25	6.41
18.	Bihar	Patna	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73	15.30	15.30	14.50	3.90
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89	5.95	5.95	4.70	2.12
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20	4.65	4.65	3.50	1.01
21.	Kerala	Thrissure	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30	4.42	4.42	4.65	1.95
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69	10.50	10.50	9.50	2.46
	Gujarat	Rajkot	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.84	4.84	6.50	3.07
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10	6.80	6.80	5.50	3.50
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19	16.51	16.51	11.20	3.22
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25	2.59	2.59	2.75	1.88
Total			421.98	421.98	307.37	307.06	369.51	369.40	348.96	135.80

ANNEXURE-B**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500 FOR 10.08.2026****DETAILS OF NATIONAL CULTURE FUND PROJECTS FOR CONSERVATION, RENOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT WORKS AT ASI MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR**

Year	Name of State	Project Name	Partner agency	Project Cost (in Lakh)
2024-25	Madhya Pradesh	Developmental activities at Temple of Somnath & ruins at Badgaon, Dist. Katni	Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited	38.00
2024-25	Odisha	Providing of public amenities like, smart toilet, Childcare room, Rest room for Senior Citizens at Sun temple, Konarak, Dist.-Puri		50.00
2025-26	Maharashtra	Construction/Setting Up Of Public Toilets And Drinking Water Facility, Vijaydurg Fort, Dist. Sindhudurg	Shipping Corporation of India	60.00
2025-26		Conservation and development of Tourists infrastructure facilities at Jogeshwari Caves, Dist. Mumbai	IRB Holdings Pvt. Ltd	245.00
2025-26	Bihar	Conservation of the main stupa, cultural preservation, and development of basic amenities at the excavated remains of Vikramshila Mahavihara, Dist. Bhagalpur	NTPC Ltd	200.00
2025-26	Ladakh (UT)	Preservation of Ancient Palace of Shey, Dist. Leh	IRCTC	195.00
2026-27	Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Development of Amenities at Shankaracharya Temple, Dist. Srinagar	NCF	121.00

ANNEXURE-C**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c)&(d) OF LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500 FOR 10.08.2026****DETAILS OF VISITOR FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND SITES**

Sl. No.	Name of Visitor Facility			Facility available (Nos. of Monument/Site)
1.	Toilet		Female	572
2.			Male	586
3.			Divyang	351
4.	Drinking Water			593
5.	Garbage Bin			1337
6.	Pathway with tactile			170
7.	Signage's	Cultural Notice Board	English	1289
8.			Hindi	1212
9.			Regional	712
10.			Foreign	13
11.			QR Code base	272
12.			Braille	149
13.		Protection Notice Board		2787
14.		Directional		918
15.	Benches			868
16.	Ramp			246
17.	Wheel Chair			326
18.	E-Cart			34
19.	Parking			231
20.	First Aid			374
21.	Clock Room			102
22.	CCTV			257
23.	Baby Care Room			125
24.	Wi-Fi			47
25.	Sound & Light Show			35
26.	Illumination			136
27.	Souvenir/ Publication counter			129
28.	Cafeteria			55
29.	Audio Guide			48
30.	Audio Visual/ Multi Media Room			22
31.	Interpretation Centre			47

ANNEXURE -D**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e)&(f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3500 FOR 10.08.2026****APPROVED ANNUAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMME (ACP) FOR THE YEAR 2026-27 IN THE STATE OF BIHAR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASI**

Sl. No.	Name of work	A.C.P for the year 2026-27 (In Rs.)
1.	Conservation of Rampart fort and stupa at Marhia, West Champaran	1,00,00,000
2.	MW to Structural Conservation & Restoration of Giriak Stupa, Rajgir, Distt- Nalanda	90,00,000
3.	MW to Conservation of monastery no- 07 at excavated remains of Nalanda Mahavihara Nalanda	80,00,000
4.	MW to conservation of Tank, Kutagarshala, Swastik Monastery and Votive Stupa with complete flooring at Ashokan Column, Kolhua, Mujaffarpur	95,00,000
5.	Conservation of Complete Fifth Terrace of Buddhist Stupa at Kesariya East Champaran	85,00,000
6.	Conservation of Monastery no-10 at Excavated remains of Nalanda Mahavihara	80,00,000
7.	Conservation of entry gate dome, chhatris, ghats, water channel etc. at Sher Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram, Sasaram	65,00,000
8.	Conservation of Stupa at Sujatarah, Bakraur, Gaya	60,00,000
9.	MW to Conservation of Patalpuri cave (chourasimuni cave) patharghatta Bhagalpur.	70,00,000
10.	Conservation of Rani Mahal and surrounding area of Rohtasgarh Fort at Rohtas Hill, Rohtas	90,00,000
11.	MW to Conservation of monastery (western Side phase -1) Vikramshila Mahavihar, Antichak, Bhagalpur	1,00,00,000
12.	MW to Conservation of southern East Monastery Vikramshila Mahavihara Antichak, Bhagalpur	1,00,00,000
13.	Conservation and restoration of fortification wall etc. at Hasan Shah Suri Tomb at Sasaram, Rohtas	50,00,000
14.	Annual maintenance of Ancestral house of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the first President of India, Jiradei, Siwan	16,00,000
15.	Annual maintenance of Ashokan Column at Rampurva, West Champaran	6,00,000
16.	Annual maintenance of Ashokan Column LauriyaNandangarh West Champaran	6,00,000
17.	Annual maintenance of Ruined Fortress of Chankigarh, Chanki, West Champaran	14,00,000
18.	Annual maintenance of Ancient Fort or Garh locally known as Raja Bali ka Garh, Balirajgarh Madhubani	8,00,000
19.	Annual Maintenance to Ashokan Pillar, Lauriya, Areraj East Champaran	11,00,000
20.	Annual maintenance of Jami Mosque, Hajipur, Vaishali	4,00,000
21.	Annual maintenance of Raja Vishal ka Garh, Vaishali	10,00,000
22.	Annual Maintenance of Relic Stupa Harpur Basant, Vaishali	14,00,000
23.	Annual maintenance of Ashokan Column Kolhua Muzaffarpur	40,00,000
24.	Annual Maintenance to Rampart of Fort and Stupa at Marhia, West Champaran	15,00,000
25.	Annual Maintenance of Buddhist Stupa Kesariya East Champaran 2026-2027	20,00,000
26.	Annual Maintenance of Sone Bhandar, Jarasandh Ka Akhada, Maniyar Math, Bimbisar Jail, Chariot Wheel Mark/Shell Character, Jivak Amravan, Gridhikut Stupa, Newly Excavated Stupa, Vanganga, Stupa on Hill, Jain Temple, Mahadev Temple, Giriak Stupa etc. at rajgir	23,00,000
27.	Annual Maintenance of Ancient Remains known as Garh, Ghora Katora, Giriak, Rajgir	13,00,000
28.	Annual Maintenance of New Fort Wall, Cyclopean wall, Qila Maidan etc. at Rajgir	15,00,000

29.	Annual Maintenance of Ajatshatru Stupa, Venuvan, Ashoka Stupa, Jarasandh Ka Baithika/ Bhim Baithka, Saptaparni Cave etc. at Rajgir	11,00,000
30.	Annual repair to Kanhaiya ji ka Mandir, at Bandarjhula, Kishanganj	10,25,000
31.	Annual repair to rock sculpture at Patharghatta, Bhagalpur	6,00,000
32.	Annual repair to Patalpuri cave &ChourasiMuni cave patharghatta, Bhagalpur	11,00,000
33.	Annual Repair to Rock cut Temple Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur	11,00,000
34.	Annual Repair to Excavated Remains Vikramshila Mahavihar, Antichak, Bhagalpur	59,00,000
35.	Annual Maintenance of Ancient Mauryan walls at Sandalpur, Patna	4,00,000
36.	Annual Maintenance of Mir Ashraf"s mosque at chawkshikarpur, Patna	3,00,000
37.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Makhdum Shah Daulat and Ibrahim khan at maner, Patna	7,00,000
38.	Annual Maintenance of Excavated remains at Bulandibagh, Patna	4,00,000
39.	Annual Maintenance of Loose sculptures and images at Datiyana, Patna	3,00,000
40.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Malik Ibrahim Bayu at Biharsharif, Distt- Nalanda	10,00,000
41.	Annual Maintenance of Pritam Mound at Nalanda, Distt- Nalanda	7,00,000
42.	Annual Maintenance of Excavated remains at Kumrahar, Patna	45,00,000
43.	Annual Maintenance of Rukministhan at Jagdishpur, Nalanda, Distt- Nalanda	10,00,000
44.	Annual maintenance of Excavated remains of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda	80,00,000
45.	Annual Maintenance of Colossal Buddha Statue, ancient ruins, excavated site, sandstone pillars, various Hindu deities curved on rocks and boulders etc. at Kurisarai, Gaya	8,00,000
46.	Annual Maintenance of the area, mound at Buxar, Buxar	4,00,000
47.	Annual Maintenance of Ancient Buddhistic Image and other images and sculptures collected underneath a shed at Guneri, Gaya	10,00,000
48.	Annual Maintenance of Shiva Temple at Konch, Gaya	5,00,000
49.	Annual Maintenance of the area generally known as 'Garh' at Kurkihar, Gaya	5,00,000
50.	Annual Maintenance of Ancient Stupa and other remains locally known as Sujatagarh at Bakraur, Gaya	13,00,000
51.	Annual Maintenance of Caves at Nagarjuni Hill (i.e, Gopi Cave, VadaThika Cave, Vapiyaka Cave) at Barabar, Jehanabad	8,00,000
52.	Annual Maintenance of Caves at Barabar Hill (i.e, Karan Chaupar Cave, Sudama Cave, Lomas Rishi Cave, Visva Jhopa Cave) at Barabar, Jehanabad	10,00,000
53.	Annual Maintenance of Ancient Buddhistic image and sculptures collected underneath a shed at Ghenjan, Jehanabad	8,00,000
54.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Shamsher Khan at Shamsher Nagar, Aurangabad	15,00,000
55.	Annual Maintenance of Rohtasgarh Fort at Rohtas Hill, Rohtas	30,00,000
56.	Annual Maintenance of Ashokan inscription at Chandan Shahid Hill, Ashiqpur, Rohtas	4,00,000
57.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Hasan Sur Shah at Sasaram, Rohtas	16,00,000
58.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, tank, its Wall, the Ghat, the Flanking Kiosks, the Northern gateway and causeway, the gateway (Delhi Darwaza) to the west of the Tomb of Sher Shah at Sasaram, Rohtas	55,00,000
59.	Annual Maintenance of Tomb of Bakhtyar Khan at Malik Sarai, Chainpur, Kaimur	14,00,000
60.	Annual Maintenance of Temple of Mundeshvari Devi at Paura Hill, Ramgarh, Kaimur	20,00,000