

EXCAVATION AND CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN NALANDA

AVAILABILITY OF STAFF UNDER ASI

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Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha today said that, Government is providing adequate funds and resources to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for archaeological excavations and conservation work in Nalanda.

Local communities are involved in excavations and conservation work, which provide employment to local people along with enabling them to participate in the preservation of heritage.

Nalanda has come up as a popular tourist destination, achieved through archaeological excavation, conservation of ancient structures, landscaping and environmental development for better presentation of monuments to visitors, providing various visitors facilities etc. Further, considering its Outstanding Universal Values, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has listed Nalanda on the World Heritage List in the year 2016.

Replying to a separate question in the Lok Sabha today Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said that:

	There are 3686 protected monuments and protected areas (Archaeological sites) across the country, which are looked after by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Circle-wise details are given at Annexure-I .
	Details of total number of sanctioned staff at each of the ASI circles, in-position and vacancies, circle and category-wise are given at Annexure-II .
	Contractual staff like Data Entry Operators Skilled/Semi-skilled labour, security staff are engaged by the circles as per need and availability of resource.
	There are 143 protected monuments across the country under Archeological Survey of India where entry fee is charged. The Circle-wise details of footfall are given at Annexure-III .

The Circle-wise allocation and expenditure on conservation and maintenance is given at **Annexure-IV.**

ANNEXURE-I

CIRCLE-WISE DETAILS OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS (SITES) UNDER THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Number of Protected Monuments and Protected Areas (Sites)	
1.	Agra Circle	154	
2.	Aizawl Circle	11	
3.	Amaravati Circle	135	
4.	Aurangabad Circle	75	
5.	Bangalore Circle	129	
6.	Bhopal Circle	183	
7.	Bhubaneswar Circle	42	
8.	Chandigarh Circle	124	
9.	Chennai Circle	257	
10.	Dehradun Circle	43	
11.	Delhi Circle	170	
12.	Dharwad Circle	282	
13.	Goa Circle	21	
14.	Guwahati Circle	70	
15.	Hampi Circle	95	
16.	Hyderabad Circle	08	

17.	Jabalpur Circle	108	
18.	Jaipur Circle	88	
19.	Jhansi Circle	170	
20.	Jodhpur Circle	73	
21.	Kolkata Circle	86	
22.	Leh Mini-circle	15	
23.	Lucknow Circle	196	
24.	Meerut Circle	82	
25.	Mumbai Circle	117	
26.	Nagpur Circle	94	
27.	Patna Circle	70	
28.	Puri Circle	40	
29.	Raipur Circle	46	
30.	Raiganj Circle	52	
31.	Rajkot Circle	51	
32.	Ranchi Circle	14	
33.	Sarnath Circle	132	
34.	Shimla Circle	40	
35.	Srinagar Circle	56	
36.	Tiruchirapalli Circle	162	
37.	Thrissur Circle	30	
38.	Vadodara Circle	165	

	Total	3686	
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ANNEXURE-II

TOTAL NUMBER OF SANCTIONED STAFF AT EACH OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA CIRCLES, IN-POSITION AND VACANCIES, CIRCLE AND CATEGORY-WISE

Sl. No.	Name of Circle/ Offices/ Branches	Sanctioned Strength	In- Position	Vacancies	Category-wise Staff position				
					UR	OBC	EWS	SC	ST
	Agra Circle	552	420	132	142	167	12	88	11
	Aizawl Circle	29	17	12	4	4	1	4	4
	Amaravati Circle	358	249	109	60	115	8	50	16
	Aurangabad Circle	229	78	151	34	23	0	16	5
	Bangalore Circle	290	204	86	64	68	16	42	14
	Bhopal Circle	393	192	201	71	69	4	25	23
	Bhubaneswar Circle	151	75	76	41	20	3	7	4
	Chandigarh Circle	161	118	43	59	22	1	33	3
	Chennai Circle	239	170	69	61	62	4	35	8
	Dehradun Circle	92	66	26	48	9	0	1	8
	Delhi Circle	622	464	158	240	91	7	108	18
	Dharwad Circle	355	252	103	78	89	23	44	18
	Goa Circle	97	63	34	12	18	5	8	20
	Guwahati Circle	130	84	46	27	24	3	19	11
	Hampi Circle	139	63	76	21	28	1	8	5
	Hyderabad Circle	132	98	34	16	50	5	19	8

	Jabalpur Circle	274	112	162	43	53	1	14	1
	Jaipur Circle	296	228	68	72	66	8	26	56
	Jhansi Circle	147	105	42	19	45	8	30	3
	Jodhpur Circle	192	153	39	46	56	11	22	18
	Kolkata Circle	130	104	26	43	30	1	23	7
	Leh Mini Circle	47	12	35	2	0	0	0	10
	Lucknow Circle	182	143	39	54	62	0	23	4
	Meerut Circle	87	66	21	24	16	3	16	7
	Mumbai Circle	262	142	120	35	54	21	23	9
	Nagpur Circle	147	106	41	23	52	8	20	3
	Patna Circle	212	185	27	69	73	0	40	3
	Puri Circle	213	91	122	39	36	0	15	1
	Raiganj Circle	139	93	46	40	21	0	26	6
	Raipur Circle	68	38	30	10	14	1	7	6
	Rajkot Circle	81	50	31	10	19	4	10	7
	Ranchi Circle	44	32	12	11	16	1	1	3
	Sarnath Circle	252	192	60	52	90	12	32	6
	Shimla Circle	152	55	97	25	8	0	8	14
	Srinagar circle	190	83	107	64	2	6	10	1
	Thrissur Circle	100	67	33	20	28	2	15	2
	Trichy Circle	158	117	41	24	74	1	16	2
	Vadodara Circle	242	151	91	28	61	12	30	20

CIRCLE-WISE FOOTFALL AT TICKETED MONUMENTS, DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Number of ticketed monument	Details of visitors footfall			
			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (up to Jan..2026)
1.	Agra Circle	08	9295001	10235684	10450517	8403250
2.	Amaravati Circle	05	336060	330930	34885	304324
3.	Aurangabad Circle	06	3856418	4368304	4280488	4080259
4.	Bangalore Circle	04	1259606	1458969	1339209	1196014
5.	Bhopal Circle	11	1455682	1654386	1598345	1479127
6.	Bhubaneswar Circle	02	507846	1086445	1356626	1332331
7.	Chandigarh Circle	02	83517	86167	92567	83011
8.	Chennai Circle	04	1797519	1509168	1235189	1259940
9.	Delhi Circle	11	6750531	8138214	8850048	6965429
10.	Dharwad Circle	06	1971867	2294826	2051973	1904698
11.	Goa Circle	01	1023289	1202240	1371815	1151965
12.	Guwahati Circle	05	635672	543449	577616	479987
13.	Hampi Circle	02	840046	1050440	1046175	1085995
14.	Hyderabad Circle	03	2610495	3030547	3039275	2823545
15.	Jabalpur Circle	03	496768	534243	632365	426389
16.	Jaipur Circle	03	339497	505122	493471	412532

17.	Jhansi Circle	04	522677	879214	679255	589531
18.	Jodhpur Circle	03	1914103	1798841	1828503	2869160
19.	Kolkata Circle	02	204041	220304	216168	195870
20.	Leh Mini-circle	01	62662	95021	93937	90135
21.	Lucknow Circle	03	334856	417931	397111	322258
22.	Mumbai Circle	13	3856835	4003835	3795420	3423195
23.	Nagpur Circle	02	26511	33898	25259	28008
24.	Patna Circle	05	993900	1163980	1230202	1214694
25.	Puri Circle	03	2478266	3284937	3777631	2907970
26.	Raipur Circle	01	62990	85489	81119	68423
27.	Raiganj Circle	02	1520358	1669845	1591603	1288698
28.	Rajkot Circle	03	32105	47845	74107	67150
29.	Sarnath Circle	06	1113821	1244849	1154537	1018971
30.	Shimla Circle	02	178511	195246	173850	138282
31.	Srinagar Circle	03	58253	67330	61781	34726
32.	Tiruchirapalli Circle	07	316701	318326	293033	238712
33.	Thrissur Circle	03	918575	904140	884775	899828
34.	Vadodara Circle	04	1325007	1350691	1187156	989488
	Total	143				

ANNEXURE-IV

CIRCLE-WISE DETAILS OF ALLOCATION AND EXPENDITURE INCURED FOR CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND SITES DURING LAST TWO YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR IN THE COUNTRY.

Sl.No.	Name of Circle	Details of allocation and expenditure for conservation and maintenance					
		(Amount in					
		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26 (up to 27.01.202	
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Agra Circle	23.52	23.52	15.90	15.90	17.00	13.50
2.	Aizawl Circle	1.29	1.29	1.26	1.25	1.20	0.90
3.	Amaravati Circle	14.70	14.70	12.90	12.90	14.00	11.50
4.	Aurangabad Circle	26.80	26.80	8.60	8.60	11.00	9.10
5.	Bangalore Circle	17.34	17.34	8.55	8.55	12.00	8.90
6.	Bhopal Circle	17.22	17.22	12.30	12.30	13.50	11.50
7.	Bhubaneswar Circle	12.29	12.29	11.50	11.37	11.00	6.70
8.	Chandigarh Circle	11.00	11.00	8.40	8.40	11.00	10.50
9.	Chennai Circle	12.95	12.95	13.15	13.14	13.00	9.50
10.	Dehradun Circle	5.42	5.42	5.10	5.10	6.50	4.70
11.	Delhi Circle	36.14	36.14	24.95	24.94	39.92	33.50
12.	Dharwad Circle	9.57	9.57	7.46	7.46	6.25	5.10
13.	Goa Circle	9.90	9.90	9.00	9.00	5.06	5.00

14.	Guwahati Circle	8.78	8.78	5.72	5.71	4.66	3.3
15.	Hampi Circle	12.25	12.25	6.52	6.52	8.75	7.1
16.	Hyderabad Circle	14.38	14.38	6.80	6.77	12.00	9.5
17.	Jabalpur Circle	9.27	9.27	7.00	6.99	6.00	4.8
18.	Jaipur Circle	12.75	12.75	10.91	10.91	8.00	6.6
19.	Jhansi Circle	5.82	5.82	6.10	6.10	9.50	7.6
20.	Jodhpur Circle	10.65	10.65	9.25	9.24	9.00	6.8
21.	Kolkata Circle	9.10	9.10	6.01	6.01	4.75	3.9
22.	Leh Mini-circle	3.50	3.50	2.20	2.20	4.50	3.7
23.	Lucknow Circle	16.93	16.93	8.91	8.91	7.95	7.4
24.	Meerut Circle	7.95	7.95	6.70	6.64	6.50	4.6
25.	Mumbai Circle	15.56	15.56	18.19	18.19	17.50	13.
26.	Nagpur Circle	10.18	10.18	10.60	10.60	15.00	12.
27.	Patna Circle	16.00	16.00	8.73	8.73	14.50	11.
28.	Puri Circle	(included in Bhubaneswar Circle)					
29.	Raipur Circle	5.94	5.94	8.19	8.19	12.25	9.2
30.	Raiganj Circle	8.00	8.00	6.10	6.10	8.00	7.1

31.	Rajkot Circle	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	4.00	2.6
32.	Ranchi Circle	2.15	2.15	2.25	2.25	2.37	2.5
33.	Sarnath Circle	11.32	1132	7.62	7.62	9.75	6.8
34.	Shimla Circle	5.00	5.00	2.80	2.79	2.00	1.8
35.	Srinagar Circle	7.17	7.17	4.90	4.89	5.75	4.9
36.	Tiruchirapalli Circle	9.55	9.55	5.80	5.80	6.50	4.7
37.	Thrissur Circle	7.09	7.09	6.30	6.30	4.25	3.5
38.	Vadodara Circle	12.00	12.00	7.70	7.69	10.50	7.5

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