

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.87
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2024

SECURITY OF ASI PROTECTED MONUMENTS

87. SHRI YOGENDER CHANDOLIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of security personnel for the protection of ASI monuments;
- (b) the details and the number of incidents of vandalism in ASI protected monuments during the past five years;
- (c) the details of the Expenditure incurred by the Government for the upkeep and protection of ASI monuments;
- (d) the measures taken by the Government for security of ASI protected monuments; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken steps to construct public utilities in ASI Monument's premises, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) No Sir. Besides 3507 MTS staff who are also utilized for watch and ward duties, the security is further straightened by deployment of additional 2763 private security personnel. Further, the security of Red Fort at Delhi and Taj Mahal, Agra is managed by deployment of 592 CISF personnel.
- (b) Details of incidents of vandalism in ASI protected monuments during the past five years are given at **Annexure**.
- (c) Expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and maintenance of protected monuments and sites including expenditure incurred on security during the last three years is as under:

Year	Expenditure (Rupees in crore)
2021-22	413.09
2022-23	508.01
2023-24	585.85

- (d) Multi Tasking Staff has been posted for watch and ward at protected monuments and sites. Further, at selected monuments private security personnel as well as CISF are provided, and periodic inspection is also carried out.
- (e) Government has provided facilities for public utilities such as toilet, drinking water, braille signages, pathways, ramps, wheelchairs, Wi-fi, cafeteria, benches, etc. at protected monuments. Providing such facilities and upgrading them is a regular phenomenon.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 87 FOR 22.07.2024.

DETAILS OF INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM AT PROTECTED MONUMENTS / PROTECTED AREAS DURING PAST FIVE YEARS.

Sl. No	State / U.T.	Name of monuments	Incidents of Vandalism	Year
1.	Bihar	Loose Sculptures and Images at Datiyana, District Patna, Bihar	Theft of sculpture of Vishnu.	2022
2.	Delhi	Zaffar Mahal, Mehrauli	Damage to jail of the monument.	2023
		Red Fort, Delhi	Damage to Ticketing system, Entrance gate and RR Barrack.	2021
3.	Karnataka	Vishnu temple, adjoining monument of Elephant Stable at Kamalapura	A pillar has been pulled down.	2019
		Sadasiva Temple, Nuggehalli, Channarayapatna taluk, District Hassan	Theft of Copper Kalasa.	2020
		Rameshwara Temple at Nadakalasi, Sagara Taluk, Mandya	Theft of Modern Stone statue of Ganesha.	2021
		Lakshminarasimha Temple at Marehalli, Malavalli taluk	Theft of Stone idol of Ganesha.	2022
4.	Odisha	Sisupalgarh Fort	Illegal development of road by removing the rampart wall of Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar.	2021
		Sisupalgarh Fort	Cutting of ancient rampart wall on the western side of Sisupalgarh, Bhubaneswar.	2023
5.	Telangana	Char Minar, Hyderabad	One incident of Vandalism.	2022
6.	Uttarakhand	Mritunjaya Temple, Dwarahat, Dist. Almora	One Shivlinga was vandalized.	2021
7.	Uttar Pradesh	Daulatpur of Lalitpur District.	A part of the statue was vandalized.	2022
		Kalinjar Fort	Part of a female statue/figurine in Kalinjar Fort was vandalized.	2023
