

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3021  
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RENOVATION OF NALANDA UNIVERSITY .  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any scheme has been prepared to renovate the oldest University of the world 'The Nalanda';
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the amount allocated for its repair and upkeep during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the theft of reminiscents and statues of Nalanda due to the administrative negligence; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken in this regard ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) The maintenance and conservation of the centrally protected monuments at Nalanda is a continuous process. The works programmed for conservation during the current year are:-

- (i) Repair / removal of stucco figures of Temple no. 3 for preservation.
- (ii) Conservation and water tightening of Temple no. 12 & 13.
- (iii) Conservation and water tightening of the monastery no. 5, 6 & 7 and reconditioning of the drainage system.
- (iv) Construction of compound wall .

The expenditure incurred on the maintenance/conservation of the protected site in the last three years is as under :

1997-1998	Rs.	5,96,761/-	
1998-1999		Rs. 10,00,039/-	
1999-2000	Rs.	21,74,262/-	
Allotment for 2000-2001			Rs. 23,00,000/-

(c) & (d) Sixteen bronze sculptures were stolen from the Archaeological Survey of India's museum at Nalanda during 1961- 1962. Nine stucco heads were stolen from the excavated site Nalanda in April, 1974, First Information Reports (FIR) were lodged in each case. Of these, one stucco head from London and another from France have been restituted back to India in 1976 and 1986 respectively. None of the stolen sculptures have been recovered so far.