GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of historical sites/monuments in Andhra Pradesh which were declared as monuments of National Importance , with particular reference to Chittor district in the State;

(b) the measures taken and works carried out for conservation and preservation of these monuments particularly those situated in and around Chittor district; and

(c) total amount sanctioned and spent in Andhra Pradesh circle for conservation and preservation works during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) There are 136 centrally protected monuments/sites in Andhra Pradesh of which the following 9 monuments are protected in Chittoor District: (1) Lower Fort with Rajah and Rani Mahal and Rajarajeswari temple complex at Chandragiri; (2) Upper Fort with ancient structures at Chandragiri. (3) Sri Venkateswara temple at Srinivasamangapuram; (4) Sri Parasurameswara Svami temple at Gudimallam; (5) Fort at Gurramkonda; (6) Lower Fort, Centre fort wall, moat, old fort gateway, old Hanuman temple, old mandapam and old mosque at Gurramkonda; (7) Mahal at Gurramkonda;(8) Sri Palliswara Mudaiya Mahadeva temple at Kalakada; & (9) Sri Chennakesavarasvami temple at Sompalle.

(b) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. However, in Chittoor District, Sri Parasurameswara temple, Gudimallam, Srinivasamangapuram, Rajarajeswari temple complex, Rajah and Rani Mahal in the lower fort at Chandragiri, temples, Rangin mahal and other structures at Gurramkonda have been taken up for conservation.

(c) The allocation and expenditure on conservation and maintenance of monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last 3 years is as under:

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 2000-2001      Rs.136.29 lakhs
 2001-2002      Rs.114.39 lakhs
 2002-2003      Rs.417.16 lakhs
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