

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) gets meagre funds for development and maintenance of historical monuments in the country;
- (b) If so, the details of funds provided to ASI during each of the last three years; and
- (c) The steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide adequate funds for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) Considering the enormity of the task of conservation and restoration work of heritage sites and monuments ASI requires more funds.

The details of budgetary allocations to the ASI during the last three years is as below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Revised estimate
2003-04	216.36
2004-05	223.30
2005-06	227.28

Need based requirements of funds for the ASI will be assessed and projected for consideration while submitting proposals for the eleventh plan.