

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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ASSISTANCE FOR MONUMENTS AND MUSEUMS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided to State Governments, particularly Gujarat and Tamil Nadu for preservation of protected monuments and construction of new museums during the last three years, monument-wise and museum-wise;
- (b) whether the entire allocated amount has been utilized for the purpose during the said period; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (c) The entire expenditure on conservation, protection and maintenance of centrally protected monuments, and establishment and running of its site-museums is incurred by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) through its own budgetary allocations. Circle-wise details of expenditure incurred by ASI on conservation works and year-wise details on museums for last 3 years is at Annexure-I.

Under the scheme "Financial Assistance for Setting up, Promotion and Upgradation of Regional and Local Museums", several State Governments have submitted proposals in respect of both new and existing museums. Details of proposals submitted by State Governments in respect of new museums during the last 3 years are at Annexure-II.

Presently, there is no scheme for providing financial assistance to State Governments for preservation of monuments protected by them.