

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HERITAGE SITES IN RURAL AREAS UNDER ASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of heritage sites in rural areas under the maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India, State-wise including in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the nature and kinds of such heritage sites, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated and spent for conservation of such heritage sites during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) There are 3675 monuments/sites declared as of national importance under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India in the country which include 285 in Maharashtra and 413 in Tamil Nadu. Sites are not classified as Rural or Urban.

The monuments/sites include prehistoric stone-age sites, proto-historic habitational sites, megalithic burials, painted rock-shelters, rock-cut caves, stupas, monasteries, temples, mosques, churches, forts, water systems, pillars, inscriptions, bas reliefs, monolithic statues, sculptures etc. These are variously constructed of stone, mud, rubble brick and mortar and wood. State-wise list is at Annexure. The details are also available on the Archaeological Survey of India's web-site(www.asi.nic.in).

(c) The expenditure incurred on conservation/ preservation and environmental development of centrally protected monuments, archaeological sites and remains in the country during the last two years and the allocation for the current year are as under:

Rupees in Lakh

2007-08 Rs.12886.19

2008-09 Rs.13498.60

2009-10 Rs.16048.50

(Allocation)