

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2325
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CULTURAL HERITAGES CENTRES
Pangi Shri Jayaram

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and locations of the cultural heritage centres and other heritage sites identified in Orissa;
- (b) the arrangements made for their protection and conservation by the Union Government and the State Governments;
- (c) the amount spent for the purpose during the last two years, year-wise;
- (d) whether any proposals have been sent by the Orissa Government in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the break-up of the proposals approved, rejected and pending out of them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): There are 78 centrally protected monuments/ sites, declared as of national importance under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) in Orissa. The details are at Annexure-I. The Government of Orissa has 218 monuments and sites under its protection (Annexure-II).

(b): The conservation and preservation of the monuments/sites are attended depending upon priority and availability of funds. Besides, chemical preservation works are also attended. Regular inspections are undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India from time to time in order to assess the requirement of the protection and conservation works of the monuments/sites. In so far as State protected monuments in Orissa are concerned, the State Department of Archaeology and Museum is responsible for protection and conservation of 218 State protected monuments.

(c): The amount spent by ASI on conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments in Orissa during the last two years is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)
Year Amount

2008-09 234.16

2009-10 276.49

The expenditure incurred by the State Department of Archaeology, Government of Orissa on conservation of State protected monuments during the last two years is as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)
Year Amount

2008-09 83.03

2009-10 39.93

The details of expenditure incurred by the Government of Orissa through the Orissa Institute of Maritime and South-East Asian Studies on unprotected Buddhist sites at Kayama,(District Jajpur), Deuli(District Jajpur, Vajragiri (District Jajpur), Tarapur (District Jajpur), Taalagarh (District Jajpur), Baraha Nrusimha Temple, Adaspur (District Cuttack), are as under:

(Rupees in lakhs)
Year Amount

2008-09 24.43

2009-10 48.17

(d) & (e): No, Sir. So far as the Archaeological Survey of India is concerned no such proposal has been received. However, the following proposals have been submitted to Ministry of Culture by the Government of Orissa:

(Rupees in lakhs)		
S.No.	Name of Proposal	Project Cost
1.	National Memorial Museum on Utkal Gaurav Madhusudan Das at S.B. Women's College, Cuttack	181.00
2.	National Memorial Museum on Utkalmani Gopabandhu Das at Suando, Distt.Puri	65.24
3.	Bijupattanaik Birth Place Museum and Library, Ananda Bhawan at Cuttack	388.60
4.	Memorial Museum on Dr. H.K. Mehatab at Bhubaneswar	238.00
5.	Memorial Museum on Freedom Fighters of Orissa at Saheed Smarak Swadhinata Sangram Sadan, J.N. Marg, Unit III, Bhubaneswar	386.60
6.	Gandhi Memorial Museum Swaraj Ashram at Cuttack	763.89

As per the information received from the Tourism and Culture Department of Government of Orissa the above proposals have not yet been approved.