

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Centrally protected heritage places/sites in the country;
- (b) the details of funds allocated by the Government for the maintenance of such places/sites during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the development of these places/sites?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) & (b) There are 3676 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in the country. The details of expenditure against funds allocated for the maintenance of such places/sites during each of the last three years, State-wise is at Annexure.
- (c) The conservation, preservation, maintenance, development of environs and providing tourist related amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signages, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc.) at the centrally protected monuments/sites are the regular activities which the ASI undertakes as per needs and availability of resources.