

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD HERITAGE MONUMENTS  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take any scientific step/ measure for the preservation and conservation of World Heritage Monuments/ sites in the country including the Ajanta and Ellora Caves in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of funds sanctioned and released for the said purpose during each of the last three years, monument-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) Conservation work of the monuments is a continuous process. Conservation and preservation work of World Heritage Monuments/sites and other protected monuments in the country is done by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in a scientific manner. The Science Branch of ASI conducts necessary investigations and studies and where necessary, other reputed national organizations are also engaged for the purpose.
- (c) The details of expenditure incurred for conservation and preservation of protected World Heritage Monuments during each of the last three years, monument-wise, are given in annexure.