GOVERNMENT OF INDIA CULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4239 ANSWERED ON:20.12.2011 CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS Shivanagouda Shri Shivaramagouda

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Koppal area in Karnataka has a number of ancient monuments and temples;

(b) if so, the names of the monuments in the said area identified and protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and

(c) the funds allocated and spent for their conservation and maintenance during each of the last three years and the current year, monument-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) There are four monuments/archaeological sites in Koppal area in Karnataka which have been declared protected as of national importance by the Archaeological Survey of India:

(1) Rock Edicts of Asoka on the hillock known as Gavimath and Palki Gundu, Koppal;

(2) Mahadeva temple, Ittagi;

(3) Ancient Mound, Koppal

- (4) Prehistoric Site, Hirebenkal.
- (c) The funds spent for their conservation and maintenance during each of the last three years and the current year are as under:-

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Name of Monument/site 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12
  (Rs.) (Rs.) (Rs.) (till date)
      (Rs.)
Rock Edicts of Ashoka - 68663 695996 237578
on the hillock known
as Gavimath, and Palki
Gundu Koppal
Mahadeva temple, Ittagi 937787 472945 343256 441768
Ancient Mound, Koppal - - - -
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Prehistoric Site, - 67289 769824 183226 Hirebenkal