

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REVIEW OF STATUS OF MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes periodic review of the status of monuments all over the country;
- (b) if so, the outcome of reviews undertaken during the each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received proposals from various State Governments including Madhya Pradesh for renovation and development of important sites;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Union Government thereto, State-wise; and
- (e) the details of the revenue earned from protected monuments and sites across the country during each of the last three years, and the current year, monument/site-wise?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Every year review of the status of the 3677 monuments/sites of the ASI declared as of national importance is taken up. A number of monuments are identified for taking up structural repairs of special nature. The conservation programme is drawn up accordingly and funds are provided for the same. For sustained preservation of the remaining sites/ monuments, routine maintenance comprising removal of vegetation, maintenance, minor repair works such as patch plastering, pointing, water-tightening, masonry, etc. is also taken up. As a result of such reviews, the expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation, maintenance on the centrally protected monuments/sites in the country during the last three years and the allocation for the current year is at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d) The details about proposals received from State Governments are at Annexure-II.

(e) The details of revenue earned through entry fee on centrally protected monuments/ sites during each of the last three years and the current year, is at Annexure-III.