

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BUDDHIST ERA STRUCTURES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Buddhist era structures including temples and stupas across the country including Rajasthan, State-wise;
- (b) the expenditure incurred on the maintenance and protection of the said structures including providing security during each of the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken to conserve and to attract visitors/tourists to the said structures?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) There are 3,677 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in the country being maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI), which includes Buddhist monasteries, stupas, etc. The monuments/ sites/remains are not categorized as per era/periodicity. The expenditure incurred on conservation, preservation and environmental development, including providing of tourist amenities on centrally protected monuments/sites in the country (State-wise) during the last three years, is at Annexure.

The expenditure incurred on security deployed at centrally protected monuments/ sites in the country during the last three years are as under:

Year Expenditure
(rupees in lakhs)

2009-10	2691.29
2010-11	1718.37
2011-12	3854.22

(c) In addition to conservation, preservation, maintenance and development of environs in and around centrally protected monuments, ASI provides amenities such as approach roads, pathways, drinking water, toilets, facilities for physically challenged, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc. as per needs and resources, particularly at World Heritage Sites and ticketed monuments under the jurisdiction of ASI including most visited monuments/sites.