

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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MONUMENTS UNDER ASI PROTECTION
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of monuments protected by the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the amount spent by the Government for the protection/maintenance of these monuments during the last three years;
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to develop these monuments as tourist spots;
- (d) whether some of these monuments are in dilapidated condition and on the verge of collapse;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for the protection of such monuments; and
- (g) the achievements made as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to(c) There are 3675 monuments/sites declared as of national importance. State-wise list is at Annexure. The details are also available on the Archaeological Survey of India's web-site. (www.asi.nic.in). The expenditure incurred on conservation/ preservation and environmental development of centrally protected monuments in the country during the last three years are as under:

Rupees in Lakh

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| 2006-07 | Rs.10816.89 |
| 2007-08 | Rs.12886.19 |
| 2008-09 | Rs.13498.60 |

The conservation, preservation, maintenance, development of environs and creating tourist related amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, 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. However, fresh initiatives have been taken to develop important monuments from tourism point of view.

(d) No, Sir. The centrally protected monuments are in good state of preservation as conservation and maintenance are undertaken by ASI on regular basis to keep their fabric intact.

(e)to(g) Do not arise.