

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE SITES

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of funds allocated to the Ministry for upkeep, maintenance and development of major National and World Heritage Sites across the country during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of funds spent and unspent during the said period, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the reasons for not utilising the allocated funds during the said period;
- (d) the efforts taken to ensure that the allocated funds are fully utilised;
- (e) whether the Government has adopted any monitoring mechanism to check the expenditure incurred on the maintenance of historical buildings/monuments; and
- (f) if so, the number of irregularities detected during the monitoring and the outcome thereof along with the action/steps taken thereon during the said period, State/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)to(d) The details of funds allocated/expenditure incurred for conservation of protected monuments including World Heritage Sites during the last three years, across the country are given in annexure.

The allocated funds were fully utilized.

(e)&(f) The progress of expenditure is monitored regularly through field offices as well as by Archaeological Survey of India Headquarters and necessary directions issued to take corrective measures which are complied with promptly. As such there has been no irregularity.