

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CULTURAL HERITAGES IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cultural heritage centres and other places of heritage/archaeological importance identified in various States especially in backward and rural regions as on date;
- (b) the measures taken by the Union and the State Governments for their protection and conservation; and
- (c) the funds allocated for this purpose during the last three years and in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) protects and maintains 3675 protected monuments/sites spread over in different parts of the country including rural and backward regions.
- (b) Conservation, preservation, maintenance, development of environs and creating tourist related amenities at the centrally protected monuments/sites are regular activities. They are undertaken by the ASI as per the need and subject to availability of resources.
- (c) Funds allocated, year-wise, are indicated below:

Rs. in Lakhs

2006-07	Rs.10860.43
2007-08	Rs.12893.70
2008-09	Rs.13588.00
2009-10	Rs.13065.00