

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF ASI

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has proposed to strengthen Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) functioning in the country including Odisha and Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas of ASI identified for the said purpose;

(c) the details of expenditure proposed to be incurred on strengthening of ASI in the State; and

(d) the funds sanctioned and released so far for the said purpose and the time by which strengthening of ASI is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Four additional posts of Additional Director General and 18 additional posts of Joint Director General have been sanctioned for the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). ASI has also formulated a comprehensive proposal for overall strengthening of all wings of ASI like monument, conservation, exploration & excavation, epigraphy, chemistry, horticulture, planning, budget & account, security, Institute of Archaeology and Site Museums in all Branches and Circle offices of ASI.

(c) & (d) The proposed strengthening of ASI is under consi- deration of Ministry of Finance.