

**Conservation of protected forts in Maharashtra**

673. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has declared a number of forts in Maharashtra, including those built by Chhatrapati Shivaji, to be of national importance;

(b) what are the main reasons for Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) not taking up major conservation and development works despite great amount of emotional attachment of the people and scope for tourism development; and

(c) what concrete conservation/restoration and development initiatives have been taken up at these protected forts in the last five years and expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The details of Forts including Forts related to Chhatrapati Shivaji declared as of National importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 in Maharashtra are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) and (c) The conservation work of ancient monuments is attended as per established guidelines, conservation norms, conservation charters, maintaining the original character of the site as well as retaining its authenticity and integrity and heritage values associated with the particular site. The conservation work within these parameters is attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India and protected Forts in Maharashtra are in a fairly good state of preservation. The details of the works executed at the protected Forts in Maharashtra by the ASI, are given in Statement-II (*See below*). The details of the expenditure incurred for conservation and environmental development works at these monuments are as follows:

(Amount in ₹)

Year	Expenditure incurred
2011-12	20533708
2012-13	45938347
2013-14	49760155
2014-15	64840670
2015-16	69861752

**Statement-I***Details of Centrally protected Forts in Maharashtra*

Sl. No.	Centrally Protected monument/Fort	Locality	District
1.	Balapur Fort	Balapur	Akola
2.	Narnala Fort	Narnala	Akola
3.	Dahihanda Gate of the Outer City Wall	Akola	Akola
	Khirki Gate in the Outer City Wall	Akola	Akola
	South East bastion of the Outer City wall together with 10 years of the adjacent Wall on each side, variously known as Panch Burunj Hasrath Yab and containing a Persian inscription.	Akola	Akola
4.	Gawilgarh Fort (the walls and the whole area contained by them)	Chikaldara	Amravati
5.	City Wall of Nawab Ismail Khan	Ellichpur	Amravati
	Dula Gate	Ellichpur	Amravati
	Haripura Gate	Ellichpur	Amravati
	Jiwanpura Gate	Ellichpur	Amravati
6.	Fort	Partabgarh	Bhandara
7.	All the remains of the circumambulation wall of Pauni Fort	Pauni	Bhandara
8.	Fort wall	Ballarpur	Chandrapur
9.	Fort	Bhandak	Chandrapur
10.	Fort Wall	Chandrapur	Chandrapur
11.	Remains of an old Fort	Khatora	Chandrapur
12.	Fortress of Tipagarh	Murmagaon	Gadchiroli
13.	Fort Wall	Wairagrah	Gadchiroli
14.	Remains of an Old Fort on the Hill	Bhiwargarh	Nagpur
15.	Fort	Dongartal	Nagpur
16.	Fort	Paunar	Wardha
17.	Daulatabad Fort	Daulatabad	Aurangabad
18.	Panhala Fort	Panhala	Kolhapur
19.	Shivneri Fort	Junnar	Pune

Sl. No.	Centrally Protected monument/Fort	Locality	District
20.	Lohgad Fort	Lohgad	Pune
21.	Rajmachi Fort	Rajmachi	Pune
22.	Visapur Fort	Visapur	Pune
23.	Suvarna Durg	Dapoli	Ratnagiri
24.	Jaygad Fort	Jaygad	Ratnagiri
25.	Sindhudurg	Malvan	Sindhudurg
26.	Vijaydurg	Vijaydurg	Sindhudurg
27.	Aurangzeb's Fort	Machnur	Sholapur
28.	Sholapur Fort	Sholapur	Sholapur
29.	Sion Fort	Sion	Mumbai
30.	Mahuli Fort	Mahuli	Thane
31.	Bassein Fort	Vasai	Thane
32.	Arnala Fort	Vasai	Thane
33.	Hirakot	Alibag	Raigad
34.	Alibag (Kolaba) Fort	Alibag	Raigad
35.	Birwadi Fort	Birwadi	Roha
36.	Rajkot	Cheul	Raigad
37.	Chandragad	Poladpur	Raigad
38.	Surgad Fort Gherasurgad	Roha	Raigad
39.	Ghosalgad Fort	Roha	Raigad
40.	Kadasari Fort	Kangori	Raigad
41.	Korlai Fort	Alibag	Raigad
42.	Avchitgad Fort	Medhe Roha	Raigad
43.	Kamsa/Kasa Fort	Murud	Raigad
44.	Janjira Fort	Murud	Raigad
45.	Raigad Fort	Mahad	Raigad
46.	Tala Fort	Mangaon	Raigad
47.	Songad (Songiri)	Achloli	Raigad
48.	Kotali Fort with Two Iron 13-14 Century AD Guns and One Bronze Gun	Peth	Raigad

**Statement-II**

*Details of works executed at Centrally protected Forts in Maharashtra by  
Archaeological Survey of India*

Sl. No.	Centrally protected monument/Fort	Item of main works undertaken
1	2	3
1.	Balapur Fort	Minor repairs, conservation of collapsed wall portion
2.	Narnala Fort	Vegetation clearance, conservation of bastion, conservation of Fort wall, minor repair to pathway, water tightening, providing storm water drain etc.
3.	Dahihanda Gate of the Outer City wall Khirki Gate in the Outer City Wall South East bastion of the Outer City Wall together with 10 years of the adjacent Wall on each side, variously known as Panch Burunj Hasrath Yab and containing a Persian inscription.	Restoration of damaged Fort wall, water tightening, pointing etc.
4.	Gawilgarh Fort (the Walls and the whole area contained by them)	Annual maintenance work, minor repair, providing pathway, conservation of Fort wall etc.
5.	City Wall of Nawab Ismail Khan Dula Gate Haripura Gate Jiwanpura Gate	Restoration of Fort wall, water tightening, minor repairs to gates, bastions and annual maintenance and upkeep
6.	Fort, Partabgah, Bhandara	Annual maintenance and upkeep
7.	All the remains of the circumambulation Wall of Pauni Fort	Annual maintenance work, minor repair, providing pathway, conservation of Fort Wall etc.

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8.	Fort Wall, Ballarpur, Chandrapur	Conservation of Fort Wall, conservation of bastions, removal of rank vegetation and debris, water tightening, conservation of structure inside the Fort
9.	Fort, Bhandak, Chandrapur	Conservation of Fort wall, conservation of bastions, removal of rank vegetation and debris, water tightening, conservation of structure inside the Fort
10.	Fort Wall, Chandrapur	Conservation of Fort Wall, conservation of bastions, removal of rank vegetation and debris, water tightening, conservation of structure inside the Fort
11.	Fortress of Tipagarh, Murmagaon	Annual maintenance and upkeep
12.	Fort Wall, Wairagarh	Conservation of Fort Wall, conservation of bastions, removal of rank vegetation and debris, water tightening, conservation of structure inside the Fort
13.	Remains of an old Fort on the Hill, Bhiwargarh	Annual maintenance and upkeep
14.	Fort, Dongartal	Removal of debris, removal of vegetation, conservation of Fort wall, strengthening foundation etc.
15.	Fort, Paunar	Annual maintenance and upkeep
16.	Daulatabad Fort	Restoration of Rangmahal, Providing Network Video Surveillance, Repairs to retaining wall from the top of Andheri to Ganesh Temple, Restoration of fortification wall (Wall in between Eastern Gate and Haji Qati Gate), Repairs to the Southern arm of the fortification wall from South Eastern corner onward, Providing stone pathway from main gate to Kalakot, Restoration of fortification wall (wall in between Eastern Gate to South East corner, Repairs to the Northern arm of the fortification

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		wall from Haji Qati Gate, Structure adjoining Durga top, Providing tourists facilities and amenities to the visitors, Repairs to Ganesh Temple, Repairs to bulged out Fort wall adjoining to Andheri near Kalakot, Repairs to Saraswati Well, Development of Interpretation Centre at Rangmahal, Repairs to the Southern arm of the fortification wall from Haji Qati Gate
17.	Panhala Fort	Restoration of fallen fortification wall, bastion of the laying foundation, water tightening and pointing.
18.	Shivneri Fort	Restoration of fallen Forts walls battlement and bastion in lime mortar after laying of foundation. Laying of dressed stone pathway over concrete bed and pointing in lime mortar
19.	Lohgad Fort	Restoration of falling Fort walls and bastions, coir filling CR massonery. Laying of dressed stone pathway over concrete bed. Construction UCR massonery side wall and fixing of coping stone. Providing G.I. pipe railing, fixing of ancient teak wood door, exposing of hidden structures and conservation works has been attended.
20.	Jaygad Fort	Maintenance of the Forts
21.	Sindhudurg	Restoration of fallen breaches of fortification wall with coir filling after providing foundation
22.	Vijaydurg	Restoration of fallen Forts fortification wall with heavy size stone blocks after laying of foundation
23.	Aurangzeb's Fort	Maintenance of the Forts
24.	Sholapur Fort	Restoration of fallen fortification walls and core filling UCR masonry and water tightening. Construction fallen wall of mosque with CR masonry and pointing

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25.	Sion Fort	Laying of dressed stone flooring over concrete bed construction of dressed stone steps, pointing in lime mortar.
26.	Mahuli Fort	Maintenance of the forts
27.	Bassein Fort	Removal of accumulated debris for exposing hidden structures. Restoration of missing walls water tightening, pointing in lime mortar, laying of brick jelly concrete flooring
28.	Arnala Fort	The fallen Fort wall has been restored to its original position in lime mortar with CR masonry and pointing in lime mortar to fort walls has been attended. Water-tightening the Rampart wall by providing lime concrete is completed.
29.	Hirakot	Annual maintenance and upkeep
30.	Alibag (Kolaba) Fort	Restoration of fallen breach of Fort wall in CR Masonry with specially prepared roman mortar including core filling with UCR masonry has been completed.
31.	Birwadi Fort	Annual maintenance and upkeep
32.	Rajkot	Annual maintenance and upkeep
33.	Chandragad	Annual maintenance and upkeep
34.	Surgad Fort Gherasurgad	Annual maintenance and upkeep
35.	Ghosalgad Fort	Annual maintenance and upkeep
36.	Kadasari Fort	Annual maintenance and upkeep
37.	Korlai Fort	Restoration of fallen fortification wall, core filling with UCR masonry, water tightening and pointing
38.	Avchitgad Fort	Annual maintenance and upkeep
39.	Kamsa Fort	Removal of accumulated debris, clearance restoration walls pointing in lime mortar, water tightening
40.	Janjira Fort	Removal of fallen debris, restoration of fallen walls in lime mortar water tightening of pointing

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41.	Raigad Fort	Restoration of fallen walls of Bazar Peth, water tightening and pointing in lime mortar, Laying of dressed stone flooring over concrete bed and pointing. Restoration fortification wall near Darbar Hall and Water tightening.
42.	Tala Fort	Annual maintenance and upkeep
43.	Songad (Songiri)	Annual maintenance and upkeep
44.	Kotali Fort with Two Iron 13-14 Century AD Guns and One Bronze Gun	Annual maintenance and upkeep

### Objectives of NMMA

†674. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the National Missions being run by the Ministry along with their names;

(b) the details of the objectives of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA); and

(c) the details of the work done and amount spent on National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities during last five years, year-wise;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Ministry of Culture has following four Missions:

1. National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities
2. National Mission on Manuscripts
3. National Mission on Libraries
4. Gandhi Heritage Sites Mission.

Details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) Objectives of NMMA

1. Documentation and creation of suitable database on built heritage and sites for information and dissemination to planners, researchers etc. and for better management of such cultural resources.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.