

Identification of monuments of National importance in Andhra Pradesh

1465. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any monuments of national importance besides the existing ones, viz. Four Pillars in the ruined Mandapam in Jammidoddi, Inscribed Pillar and Slab in Mallesvarasvami Temple and Kiratharjuna Pillar on the Indra Killa Hills in Vijaywada, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the steps taken by Government to preserve the aforesaid monuments; and

(e) the funds spent for the same during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ancient Site, Pusalapadu, District Prakasam and Painted Rock Shelter Chintakunta, District Kadapa have been identified.

(d) The Four Pillars in the ruined mandapam in Jammi and Kiratharjuna Pillar on the Indra Killa Hills are at present erected in front of Akkanna-Madanna caves, Vijayawada. The inscribed pillars and slabs are now preserved in the Malleswaraswami temple nearby. The said monuments are in a good state of preservation.

(e) The expenditure incurred on conservation of Akkanna Madanna Caves at Vijayawada during the last three years is as under:—

Year	Amount (₹)
2015-16	5,72,656
2016-17	1,67,676
2017-18	1,78,454

Dara Shikohs role in Pari Mahal

1466. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dara Shikoh's picture and his endeavours regarding building of the Pari Mahal are not depicted properly in the site maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI); and