

complex is maintained by the State Government of Punjab. Artefacts relating to Shaheed Bhagat Singh have been displayed in the museum.

Preservation of ancient inscriptions

2898. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any sincere efforts to discover, decipher and publish ancient inscriptions in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of ancient inscriptions found in the country, language-wise and chronology-wise;

(c) whether Government has provided financial support and infrastructure facilities through Epigraphic Survey of India, Numismatic Society of India and also the State Department of Epigraphy, University Departments in India with particular reference to Tamil Nadu; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Statement

The chronology-wise and language-wise approximate data of total number of ancient inscriptions copied in the country so far

Languages	Tamil	Telugu	Kannada	Sanskrit	Prakrit
no. of inscriptions	37,800	11,000	11,000	14,600	2,350
chronology	The inscriptions belong to different periods and they can be dated between 3rd century BCE to 18th century CE.				
Languages	Marathi	Malayalam	Hindi	Portugese	Oriya
No. of inscriptions	150	125	200	98	75
Chronology	The inscriptions belong to different periods and they can be dated between 3rd century BCE to 18th century CE.				
Languages	Gujarati	Misc.			
No. of inscriptions	100	500			

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Chronology	The inscriptions belong to different periods and they can be dated between 3rd century BCE to 18th century CE.				
Languages	Persian	Arabic	Urdu	Bilingual	Trilingual
No. of inscriptions	7600	4300	1150	800	150
Chronology	1200 to 1900 CE	1200 to 1700 CE	1600 to 1900 CE	1200 to 1900 CE	1200 to 1900 CE

Appointment of registrar in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara

2899. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar is a deemed University under Ministry of Culture, Government of India since 2006;

(b) whether incumbent Registrar has been appointed in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara as per pay-scale and criteria of UGC *i.e.* ₹ 37000-67400 with AGP of ₹ 10000, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, by when Ministry would appoint a permanent Registrar in this University as per UGC norms and pay-scale?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The present incumbent does not fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed by UGC for the post of Registrar. The regular post of Registrar in Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda possess the prescribed pay scale of ₹ 37000-67400 with AGP 10000 (pre-revised). Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and all efforts are made to fill up the vacant posts as per extant procedure.

Holding of private functions at ASI heritage sites

2900. SHRI A. VIJAYAKUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand of conducting private functions at ASI heritage places in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has any proposal to rent any heritage places for revenue generations, if not, the reasons therefor?