

functional under MvPI all over the country. MvPI has introduced various tools for adverse event reporting to develop India-specific data for making regulatory decisions by the CDSCO.

Functioning of the Archaeological Survey of India

*27. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount spent by Archaeological Survey of India for maintaining and preserving historical monuments across India during 2015-2018;

(b) the details of the top-ten revenue generating monuments during the said period;

(c) the details of current staff, including experts, and the total expenditure incurred on salaries and wages for the year 2017-18;

(d) whether there have been any concerns raised by ASI management or employees regarding unfilled vacancies;

(e) if so, the details thereof, and action taken thereon, including funds allocated; and

(f) the details of total expenditure incurred on the new ASI headquarters in New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) The year-wise details of expenditure incurred for conservation of protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) during 2015-2018 are given below:-

Sl. No.	Year	Expenditure incurred (₹ in lakhs)
1.	2015-16	23746.25
2.	2016-17	30176.22
3.	2017-18	41076.79

(b) The top ten revenue generating monuments during 2015-18 are Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Qutub Minar, Red Fort, Humayun's Tomb, Sun Temple Konark, Group of

monuments Mamallapuram, Ellora Caves, Group of monuments Khajuraho, and Ajanta Caves, Aurangabad.

(c) As against 8426 sanctioned posts, currently 6773 are in position. In addition, 18 Consultants have been engaged with domain knowledge in the respective fields. The total expenditure on salaries and wages for the financial year 2017-18 is ₹ 277.22 crore and ₹ 25.96 crore, respectively.

(d) and (e) ASI has made a concerted effort to fill up the vacant posts and as a result 1250 vacancies have been filled.

(f) The total expenditure incurred for construction of ASI headquarters in New Delhi is ₹49.43 crores.

Holding of banking recruitment examinations in local languages

*28. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Banking Recruitment Boards are holding their recruitment examinations in all the 22 languages included in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government will consider to direct the banking recruitment boards to conduct their examinations in the local languages also, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken to ensure that the recruited bankers have a good command over the local languages where they will be posted?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) Institute of Banking Personnel Selection (IBPS), which is the agency entrusted with conducting recruitment examinations in all Public Sector Banks (PSBs) except the State Bank of India (SBI), has apprised that it conducts online examinations in English and Hindi languages, except in the paper for English language. IBPS has further informed that the criteria for recruitment to clerical posts in PSBs stipulates "proficiency in the official language of the State/UT (candidates should know how to read/write and speak the official language of the State/UT) for which vacancies a candidate wishes to apply, is preferable".