

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2416
ANSWERED ON 24/03/2022

ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY OF SECULAR MONUMENTS

2416. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme for systematic discovery and architectural survey of secular monuments in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the progress made in the last five years;
- (c) whether the dedicated units for architectural survey of secular monuments with ASI needs strengthening/ expansion to deliver the goods; and
- (d) if so, whether ASI has any plan to outsource the architecture survey of secular monuments to universities, NGO's, private trusts, etc?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

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(a) to (d)

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) implements the Building Survey Project which has the mandate to document historical buildings in the country from 16th century CE to 1950 CE. The Project is implemented by a dedicated team of Archaeologist which has documented 98 secular heritage buildings till date. Further, under National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, the documentation and creation of

suitable database on built heritage and sites is carried out with the help of universities, State departments of Archaeology etc.