

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2279**  
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2025

**ODISHA'S HERITAGE AND MONUMENT PRESERVATION**

2279. SHRI MANAS RANJAN MANGARAJ:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of historical monuments and heritage sites in Odisha protected and managed under the Ministry's schemes;
- (b) the efforts being made for the conservation and restoration of ancient temples, caves and archaeological sites in Odisha;
- (c) the amount allocated for the preservation of Odisha's rich heritage in the last three years; and
- (d) the steps being taken to prevent encroachments and damage to heritage sites in the State?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 81 protected monuments and archaeological areas and remains declared as of national importance in the State of Odisha.
- (b) The conservation and preservation of the protected monuments and areas are taken up by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the need and requirement considering availability of funds and resources, following the national conservation policy.
- (c) Details of funds allocated for the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and areas in the State of Odisha during the last three years is given as under:  
(amount in crore)

Year	Allocation
2021-22	8.23
2022-23	13.18
2023-24	12.29

- (d) Multi Tasking Staff have been posted for watch and ward at protected monuments and areas. Further, at selected monuments private security personnel are deployed. In addition to that periodic inspections are carried out to prevent encroachment and damage.

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