

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.195
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.07.2025

**CULTURAL RESTORATION AND HERITAGE CONSERVATION OF HISTORICAL
SITES IN DELHI**

195. SHRI PRAVEEN KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in coordination with the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is working to undertake cultural restoration and heritage conservation of important historical sites in Delhi, including Chandni Chowk and its adjoining areas;
- (b) if so, the details of the projects currently underway, including the scope of restoration, timelines and budgetary allocations;
- (c) whether the local communities, urban planners and heritage conservationists are being consulted as part of the restoration process to ensure cultural integrity and public participation and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any long-term plan or vision document for integrating heritage restoration with tourism development and urban regeneration in Old Delhi and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure that such restoration efforts preserve the architectural character of the sites while enhancing public access, amenities and awareness?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has undertaken conservation and restoration of monuments under its jurisdiction which are located in the following DDA owned land.
 - i. Shalimar Bagh
 - ii. Mehrauli Archaeological Park
- (b) At present, no ongoing projects are available to be executed at monuments under the jurisdiction of ASI which are located in DDA owned land.
- (c) The conservation and restoration work of centrally protected monuments are taken up as per the need of the monument and availability of resources subject to
- (d) the Rules and terms of National Policy for Conservation, 2014. Further, the work of repair & maintenance of centrally protected monument is executed under the close supervision of Officials/Officers of Archaeological Survey of India.
- (e) ASI has taken up conservation of the monuments/sites retaining its authenticity, integrity and as per practice, efforts are being made to minimize negative impact on monuments while creating the public amenities within the precincts.