

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1696
ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

REGISTRATION OF PROPERTIES UNDER ASI PROTECTED AREA

1696. SHRI ARUP CHAKRABORY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many lands under the heritage and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected areas are not recorded in the name of Central Government department but registered as an endowed property;
- (b) if so, the details of such registered God's post-properties and central properties that are under maintenance of ASI therefor, State-wise;
- (c) the reasons of non-registration of such central maintained properties in the name of Government to avoid any encroachment and safeguard of the heritage properties thereof;
- (d) the details of properties of Bishnupur, West Bengal which are protected and maintained by ASI and their land record status; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to register all the ASI maintained and protected areas of Bishnupur, an UNESCO world heritage site thereto, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are many protected monuments and areas whose lands are registered in the name of & Government; besides some are lying in the name of endowment and private parties. As per
- (b) Section 3 and Section 4 of Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, (AMASR Act, 1958), Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) declares monuments and archaeological sites as of national importance without change in their ownership. There are 3698 monuments and archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the country. The State-wise list is at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) ASI acquires the lands for the better maintenance of the monuments and sites wherever it is feasible. Further, there are provisions for the preservation of protected monuments by agreement under Section 6 of AMASR Act, 1958. ASI takes necessary steps like deployment of watch & ward staff, providing fencing and organizing awareness campaign etc. to safeguard the protected monuments and areas.
- (d) There are 20 numbers of protected monuments and areas in Bishnupur which are being maintained by ASI. The details are at **Annexure-II**.
- (e) The temples of Bishnupur have already been included in the Tentative List of UNESCO.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a)&(b) OF LOK SABHA
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ABSTRACT OF NUMBER OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA IN THE COUNTRY

Sl.No.	Name of State	Nos. of Monuments and Areas
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	03
3.	Assam	55
4.	Bihar	70
5.	Chhattisgarh	46
6.	Daman & Diu (U. T.)	11
7.	Goa	21
8.	Gujarat	205
9.	Haryana	93
10.	Himachal Pradesh	40
11.	Jammu & Kashmir (U. T.)	56
12.	Jharkhand	13
13.	Karnataka	506
14.	Kerala	29
15.	Ladakh (U. T.)	15
16.	Madhya Pradesh	291
17.	Maharashtra	286
18.	Manipur	01
19.	Meghalaya	08
20.	Mizoram	01
21.	Nagaland	04
22.	N.C.T. Delhi	172
23.	Odisha	81
24.	Puducherry (U. T.)	07
25.	Punjab	33
26.	Rajasthan	163
27.	Sikkim	03
28.	Telangana	08
29.	Tamil Nadu	412
30.	Tripura	08
31.	Uttar Pradesh	743
32.	Uttarakhand	44
33.	West Bengal	135
	TOTAL	3698

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF LOK SABHA
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PROTECTED MONUMENTS AND PROTECTED AREAS IN BISHNUPUR WHICH
ARE BEING MAINTAINED BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA.

Sl. No.	Name of protected monument and Protected Area	Ownership Status
1	Dalmadal Gun and the platform on which it is mounted	Debottar
2	Gate of Old Fort	Debottar
3	Jore-Bungla Temple	Private
4	Jora Mandir	Debottar
5	Kala Chand Temple	Private
6	Lalji Temple	Private
7	Madan-Gopal Temple	Debottar
8	Madanmohan Temple	Debottar
9	Maleswar Temple	Debottar
10	Muralimohan Temple	Debottar
11	Nanda Lal Temple	Debottar
12	Patpur Temple	Debottar
13	Radhabinode Temple	Debottar
14	Radhagobinda Temple	Debottar
15	Radhamadhab Temple	Private
16	Radhashyam Temple	Private
17	Rashmancha	Debottar
18	Shyam Rai Temple	Private
19	Small Gateway of Fort	Private
20	Stone Chariot	Debottar
