

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2387

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MAINTENANCE OF CENTRAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL CENTRES .

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to enhance the funds for maintenance of Central Archaeological Centres in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the Government has any proposal to carry out special survey drive for finding new spots of historic importance in the country; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) & (b) Government has enhanced the budget provision for the conservation and maintenance of the protected archaeological monuments and sites. The allocation for the Archaeological Survey of India during the last three years and for the current year is as under:

Budget allocation of the Archaeological Survey of India (BE)

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2003-04	4550.00	16565.00	21115.00
2004-05	7000.00	17030.00	24030.00
2005-06	8000.00	17100.00	25100.00
2006-07	7500.00	17700.00	25200.00

(c) & (d) There is no proposal to carry out a special drive to identify new spots of historic importance in the country .