

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government look after the maintenance work of religious sites;
- (b) whether Archaeological Department bears all the expenses incurred on the head maintenance of religious sites;
- (c) the amount spent on religious sites during the last three years and the amount allocated for the year 2007-08 in the current budget, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India under the Department of Culture, maintains only those historical places of worship which are notified as monuments of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
- (b) All expenses in connection with the conservation and maintenance of such protected sites are borne by the ASI.
- (c) & (d) The expenditure incurred during the last three years on the Centrally Protected Monuments including religious sites are as under:-

Year	Expenditure	
2004-05	92.88	Crores
2005-06	101.54	Crores
2006-07	108.17	Crores
2007-08	115.32	Crores

(Allocation)