

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MONUMENTS IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government decided to set up the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities at a time when the ASI, Dharwad Circle, Karnataka which has been looking after protection and conservation of 391 Centrally protection monuments in 11 Districts of North Karnataka has been struggling to cope with the increasing workload; and

(b) if so, to what extent the assistance has been provided/proposed to be provided to the ASI, Dharwad Circle, Karnataka ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Government has set up a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities which was formally launched in March 2007.

The Dharwad Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India conserves and protects 391 centrally protected monuments in Karnataka and is equipped with required number of personnel for carrying out the conservation, preservation works of the above monuments.

The allocation of funds and expenditure incurred by the circle during the last three years are as under :

Year	Allotment	(Rs. in lakhs)	
			Expenditure
2004-05	491		495
2005-06	749		749
2006-07	641		641