

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. \*168  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT TEMPLES IN WEST BENGAL

\*168. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a plan for protection and preservation of ancient temples in the State of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the amount of funds to be provided for this purpose and the nodal department through which the protection and preservation work is going to be carried out; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) A statement is laid on the table of the House.
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- (c)

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE  
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- (a) There are 135 Centrally protected monuments including 48 temples under to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in State of West Bengal. Necessary conservation works are carried out by the ASI as per requirement and availability of funds. All monuments including these temples are in a good state of preservation. Details of expenditure on conservation and development works of Centrally protected ancient temples in West Bengal are given as under.

(Amount in Rupees)

Year	Expenditure
2018-19	1,01,43,374.00
2019-20	79,64,175.00
2020-21	1,36,07,686.00
2021-22	1,93,79,352.00 (Up to 11.03.2022)

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