

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 13**  
ANSWERED ON-20/07/2023

**SALARY AND ALLOWANCES TO TEMPLE PRIESTS**

13. DR. SONAL MANSINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the temple priests in the country are provided with salary and allowance and other facilities by Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons thereof; and
- (c) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an attached office of Ministry of Culture, is mandated with conservation, preservation and maintenance of the Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs), which include a few temples. However, no salary or allowances are paid by ASI to the priests in such temples.
- (c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

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