

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1610
ANSWERED ON -03.08.2023

PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF ANCIENT TEMPLES

1610. SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any policy measures in place to support the preservation and development of ancient temples, including the Harishankar Temple and the temples within the Gandhamardan Hill Range in Bargarh and Balangir districts, Odisha; and
- (b) if yes, the details regarding the allocated funds for these temples, including the Harishankar Temple and the temples within the Gandhamardan Hill Range in Bargarh and Balangir districts, Odisha, if not, the reasons therefor for the absence of such funds?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is taking up all the conservation and & development works of Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites including ancient temples
- (b) as per the National Policy for Conservation 2014. However, the Harishankar Temple and the temples within the Gandhamardan Hill Range in Bargarh and Balangir districts of Odisha are not Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India. Therefore, there are no policy measure for the preservation and development of these ancient temples.
