

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 992
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF AJJ SAROVAR, KHARAR, PUNJAB

992 SHRI SATNAM SINGH SANDHU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of steps taken by Government to develop Ajj Sarovar, Kharar, Punjab as a cultural and heritage site;
- (b) whether there is any plan by the Ministry to establish a cultural memorial or monument dedicated to Raja Ajj and Raja Dashrath to highlight their historical significance in the context of Indian culture, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry ensuring that the cultural heritage and historical legacy of Raja Ajj and Raja Dashrath are preserved, promoted, and integrated into India's broader tourism and cultural initiatives, if any?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Ajj Sarovar, Kharar, Punjab is not a centrally protected monument under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Development and promotion of tourism in the country is primarily undertaken by the State Governments / UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme complements the efforts of SGs/UTs by providing financial assistance to them for development of tourism amenities on receipt of project proposals from SGs/UTs in line with the scheme guidelines, availability of funds etc. Under Swadesh Darshan, the Ministry had earlier sanctioned a project "Development of Heritage Circuit: Anandpur Sahib - Fatehgarh Sahib - Chamkaur Sahib - Ferozpur - Khatkar Kalan – Kalanour – Patiala" in 2018-19 for an amount of Rs. 85.32 Crore.
- (b) There is no such proposal to establish a cultural memorial or monument & dedicated to Raja Ajj and Raja Dashrath.
- (c)
