

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1296
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

ORIGIN OF ADINATH TEMPLE

1296. SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ASI has examined the claims that the Adina mosque in Malda was constructed over or incorporated the remains of a pre-existing structure, including elements interpreted as belonging to a temple known as Adinath Temple;
- (b) whether ASI has issued any clarification or official report regarding the architectural, sculptural or material evidence supporting or refuting such claims;
- (c) whether Government is aware of recent incidents of vandalism, including stone-pelting and damage to artefacts or architectural fragments within the protected premises; and
- (d) the measures being taken to enhance security, prevent further damage and ensure strict conservation of all ASI-protected remains at site?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has not examined any claims suggesting that the Adina mosque in Malda was constructed over or incorporated the remains of a pre-existing structure, including elements alleged to belong to a temple known as the *Adinth Temple*.
- (b) ASI has not issued any clarification or official report regarding architectural, sculptural, or material evidence that may support or refute such claims.
- (c) No such incidents of vandalism, including stone-pelting or damage to artefacts or architectural fragments within the protected premises, have been reported.
- (d) CCTV cameras, private security guards and Multi Tasking Staff are deployed at the monument round the clock to ensure the safety and security. Further, conservation works are carried out to the monument as per the requirement and availability of resources.
