

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 238
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018

RESTORATION OF TEMPLES

238. SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any temples in the country are undergoing restoration with the support of the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the restoration of some temples has been completed and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to identify and include more temples for the purpose of restoration and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to include private players and civil society in the restoration work being carried out/underway and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER
OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) Conservation of protected monuments including the temples is a continuous to process. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3686 protected
- (c) monuments including temples for which essential repair and maintenance work is attended regularly as per the availability of resources and need of repairs of different sites including temples. The list of protected monuments is updated regularly by inclusion of more monuments of National importance having archaeological, historical and architectural importance including the temples. After declaration of protected monument it is taken up for essential conservation & maintenance.
- (d) The private players can associate for conservation of heritage by financial contribution in the National Cultural Fund. Being a specialized activity, conservation work is attended by ASI and the civil society can contribute towards maintaining cleanliness while visiting a monument.