

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2018**

SHIFTING OF SUBMERGED TEMPLES

† 252. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for the excavation and shifting of temples submerged in lakes/ rivers in various States in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of such temples/ historical sites identified in this regard, State/ UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to excavate and reinstate such temples/ sites; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The State/UT-wise details steps taken by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in respect & of the temples/historical sites which are submerged in lakes/rivers are enclosed at
- (b) Annexure.
- (c) No such proposal is under consideration by the Archaeological Survey of India.
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- (d)

ANNEXURE

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED
QUESTION NO. 1252 FOR 05.02.2018**

**THE STATE DETAILS STEPS TAKEN BY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA (ASI) IN
RESPECT OF THE TEMPLES/HISTORICAL SITES WHICH ARE SUBMERGED IN
LAKES/RIVERS**

Sl. No	State	Name of the site and the Project associated with it
1.	Samadhi of Srimant Bajji Rao Peshwa-I, Raverkhedi, District Khargone is coming under the submergence of Maheshwar Project. It is envisaged to construct a retaining wall around the monument to save it from submerging in water.	Madhya Pradesh
2.	In the year 2003-07 the temple of Choubis Awtar, Mandhata, District Khandwa was transplanted to a different locality which was coming under the submergence construction area of Omkareshwar dam.	
3.	ASI carried a small scale excavation in the year 1987-88 at Balikeshwara, a medieval temple site situated on the left bank of river Narmada with a view of establishing the cultural sequence of the site before its submergence due to the Indira Sagar Project across the Narmada.	
4.	In the same project the ASI carried out a small scale excavation at Chandel, Dist. East Nimar (Khandwa) with a view to exposing the plan of temple and to ascertain earlier phases. The temple facing west and dedicated to one of the Saptamatrikas-Chamunda is situated on the western outskirts of the village Chandel in the Khandwa Taluk.	
5.	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has received a request from the Department of Language, Art and Culture, Government of Himachal Pradesh for relocation of a group of Temples submerged in Bhakra Dam reservoir (Govind Sagar Lake) at Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (H.P.) and to declare them as monuments of national importance. ASI is presently looking into the feasibility of the project.	Himachal Pradesh
6.	ASI documented monuments and historical sites that were prone to submergence in low lying areas of river banks in the area. The sites which were documented are:	Andhra Pradesh

Kudavalui Temple, Alampur	Sangameswara	Srisailam Project
Nava Brahma Temple, Alampur	Group of	
Siva Temple, Vellatur		Pulichintala Project
Chennakesava Temple, Vellatur		
Siva Temple, Gundlapalli		

