

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 154  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019**

**DEVELOPMENT OF KELZAR TEMPLE**

† 154. SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has made any provision to provide funds for development of Kelzar Temple and Ashti place where 42 people were martyred during August Kranti of 1942 at Wardha in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the development work at these ancient sites is likely to be started;
- (c) whether the local Member of Parliament has written any letter to the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR  
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

**DR. MAHESH SHARMA**

(a) to (d) : The Ministry has not allocated any fund for development of Kelzar Temple as it is not an Archaeological Survey of India protected monument.

Government of India commemorated 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quit India Movement during August 2017 to August 2018. A National Implementation Committee (NIC) under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Home Minister had been constituted for the purpose. A proposal from Nagar Panchayat, District Wardha, Maharashtra, had been forwarded to the Ministry of Culture by Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Sh. Ramdas Tadas for setting up of a National Memorial at Ashti, Wardha, in the memory of martyrs who sacrificed their lives during Quit India Movement.

The proposal was examined in the Ministry and Hon'ble Member of Parliament had been informed that the proposal can be considered by the NIC as part of commemoration activities. It was, however, requested that a detailed project proposal along with budget estimates for creation of infrastructure in the memory of the event may be submitted to the Ministry. The detailed project proposal along with budget estimates have not been received so far.