

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2021

DEVELOPMENT OF TEMPLES IN ODISHA

†1015. SHRI BASANTA KUMAR PANDA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the pilgrimages like temples and ancient monuments being developed in Kalahandi and Noapada districts in Odisha;
- (b) whether steps have been taken for the beautification of such temples and monuments;
- (c) if so, whether the Odisha unit of Archaeological survey of India (ASI) has made any recommendations in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the funds allocated for beautification and development of such temples and monuments?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Conservation, preservation and environmental development work of centrally protected monuments and temples in the country including one monument in Kalahandi and Noapada districts in Odisha is a continuous process and same is attended regularly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per the availability of resources.
- (b) Yes Sir. In addition to conservation of monuments the development works are attended keeping regard to the archaeological norms and principles and Conservation Policy of ASI, 2014, with a thrust on retaining originality, authenticity & integrity of protected monuments.
- (c) ASI Odisha Unit submits Annual Conservation Programme following & conservation guidelines, archaeological norms & principles and
- (d) Conservation Policy of ASI which is implemented after due scrutiny.
- (e) The funds allocated for conservation, preservation & environmental development work of protected monuments of ASI in Odisha, for current financial year 2020-21, is Rs. 363 lakh.