

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4097
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2022

MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF SUN TEMPLE

4097. SHRI DEVENDRA SINGH BHOLE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for maintenance and upkeep of the Sun Temple located in Bhattar Gaon of Kanpur district and Kushmanda Devi Temple located at Ghatampur which are about 100 years old under the Temple Heritage Project;
- (b) if so, the action taken for the development of these heritage sites;
- (c) if not, whether the Government has mooted any action plan for beautification, upkeep and development of Temples on the sidelines of Amrit Mahotsava; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) ensures the conservation and maintenance to of 3693 monuments & sites declared to be of national importance under “Ancient
- (d) Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958”. The Sun Temple located in Bhattar Gaon of Kanpur and Kushmanda Devi Temple located at Ghatampur are not under the protection of ASI, nor any proposal has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.
There are 743 centrally protected monuments and sites, including temples under the ASI in Uttar Pradesh. Necessary conservation works are carried out by the ASI as per requirement and availability of funds.
The details of allocation and expenditure for the last three years and the current financial year 2021-22 are given as under:

(Amount in Lakhs.)

S. No.	Year	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	2018-19	1597.00	1595.17
2.	2019-20	2235.00	2235.00
3.	2020-21	2226.00	2222.00
4.	2021-22	4175.00	3907.00 (up to 09.03.2022)