

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1127
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024**

PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF THE GAUTAMESHWARA TEMPLE

1127. SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken/ being taken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Government to preserve and protect Gautameshwara Temple of historical importance and other similar heritage sites in Manthani built during the Kakatiya Dynasty;
- (b) whether the Government has allocated funds for the restoration and if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the restoration work;
- (c) whether the Government, in collaboration with the ASI has undertaken any initiatives to promote Manthani's rich historical and cultural heritage, such as the visit of Adi Shankaracharya and the Kakatiya period temples and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has plans for any tourism campaigns or cultural programmes focused on promoting Manthani as a heritage destination, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to involve the local community in the preservation of these sites, including training for locals as guides or conservation experts?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) The Gauthameshwara temple and other similar heritage sites in Manthani built during the Kakatiya Dynasty are protected monuments of the Department of Heritage Telangana.
- (b) No funds have been allotted by Government of India for the restoration and to preservation of Manthani's rich historical and cultural heritage. No proposal in this
- (e) regard has been received from the Government of Telangana.
