

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

MAINTENANCE OF THANJAVUR BRIHADEESWARAR TEMPLE

942. SHRI MURASOLI S:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the dilapidated condition of certain parts of the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Thanjavur Brihadeeswarar Temple and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of amount of funds sanctioned by the Government for the maintenance and upkeep of the Thanjavur Brihadeeswarar Temple, from the year 2019, year wise;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation for restoration works in the Thanjavur Brihadeeswarar Temple and the amount of funds sanctioned for the same and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to promote the UNESCO World Heritage site of Thanjavur Brihadeeswarar Temple?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Brihadeeswara Temple at Thanjavur is a Centrally Protected Monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ASI undertakes regular maintenance, Conservation and Restoration Works as per the requirement and availability of resources.
- (b) The details of the Allocation and Expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of the Thanjavur Brihadeeswara Temple, from the year 2019, year wise are mentioned as under:

(Amount Rs. in Lakhs)

S. No.	Year	Allotment	Expenditure
1.	2019-20	23.60	23.60
2.	2020-21	15.38	15.38
3.	2021-22	8.50	8.50
4.	2022-23	93.01	93.01
5.	2023-24	136.00	136.00
6.	2024-25	20.69	20.69

- (c) Archaeological Survey of India undertakes the conservation including annual maintenance and upkeep of the Centrally Protected Monuments as per the need and requirements of the Monuments.
- (d) Archaeological Survey of India, conducts various cultural events from time to time specially during the World Heritage Day, World Heritage Week and various other important occasions besides illuminating the Temple Complex to promote and attract visitors.