

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1116
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2025

**CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF NASHIK'S CULTURAL AND
ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE**

1116. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE::

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recognizes Nashik's immense archaeological and cultural significance, with its ancient temples, forts, heritage sites and the Godavari river and if so, the steps taken by the Government for their conservation, restoration and repairs;
- (b) whether the Government acknowledges the importance of preserving Nashik's rich cultural heritage, particularly in light of the upcoming Kumbh Mela 2027 and if so, whether substantial funds will be allocated for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details of ongoing and proposed projects for the conservation of Nashik's cultural and archaeological sites, along with timelines for their completion;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to establish a regional centre of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Nashik, given its historical and cultural importance, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to provide additional support and resources to local bodies and stakeholders for effective conservation efforts, ensuring community involvement and expert guidance, if so, the detail thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes all necessary steps towards conservation and maintenance work, including provision of amenities, at 11 protected monuments/sites in Nashik District of Maharashtra as per the requirement and availability of resources.
- (b) Conservation and preservation of the protected monument is a continuous process. Adequate funds are allotted as per the requirements of the protected monuments and approved Annual Conservation Programme (ACP) for the upkeep of the protected monuments.
- (c) The details of conservation, and maintenance work carried out at centrally protected monuments of Nashik District are attached at Annexure – I.

- (d) No such proposal is under consideration of Government.
- (e) ASI undertakes conservation and developmental works on the Monuments, which in turn generate opportunities of employment for local manpower as well as skilled craftsmen/artisans, thus ensuring community involvement. Also, as per requirement, ASI takes the assistance of organisations of repute such as IITs/CBRI (Central Building Research Institute) for specific studies.

Annexure-I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE LOK SABHA
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**The details of conservation and maintenance work carried out at centrally protected
monuments of Nashik District**

2019-20

Name of Monument	Name of Works
Pandavlena caves	Providing Tourist Facilities Like Benches, Dust-bins, Signages etc at Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist-Nashik
	Providing rain water drains & repairs to cave no-13 to 24 at Pandav Lena caves, Nashik
	Providing approach pathway & steps from bottom of hillock towards the hill top of Pandavlena caves, Nashik
Old group of temples (1-15) at Anjaner, Dist – Nashik	Repairs and conservation of Old group of temples (1-15) at Anjaner, Dist – Nashik
	Restoration & conservation of temple nos. 4,5,13,15&16 at Old group of temple at Anjaner, Dist – Nashik

2020-21

Name of Monument	Name of Works
Pandavlena caves, Nashik	Providing approach pathway & steps from bottom of hillock towards the hill top of Pandavlena caves, Nashik
Old group of temple (1-15) at Anjaneri Nashik	Old group of temple (1-15) at Anjaneri Nashik

2021-22

Name of Monument	Name of Works
Hindu temple at Deothan, Dist. Nashik .	Conservation of Hindu temple at Deothan.
Old group of temples at Anjaneri, Dist. Nashik	Repairs to Old group of temples at Anjaneri.
Pandavlena caves at Nashik	Providing approach pathway and steps from bottom to hillock towards the hill top of Pandavlena caves at Nashik
	Providing rain water drain and repairs to caves no. 13 to 24 at Pandavlena caves at Nashik

2022-23

Name of Monument	Name of Works
Old group of temples at	SR to old group of temples at Anjaneri, Dist.-Nashik (Group-01, Temple

Anjaneri, Dist.-Nashik	no.-06)
	SR to old group of temples at Anjaneri, Dist.-Nashik (Group-02, Temple no.-01)
PandavlenaCaves, Dist. Nashik	Providing tourist facilities at Pandavlena Caves, Nashik
Gondeshwar temple at Sinnar, Dist- Nashik .	Public amenities at Gondeshwar temple at Sinnar, Dist - Nashik

2023-24

Name of Monument	Name of Works
Aishwar temple at Sinnar, Dist- Nashik .	MW (P) Providing M.S. grill fencing to protected area at Aishwar temple at Sinner, Dist - Nashik
	MW to Public amenities at Aishwar temple at Sinnar, Dist - Nashik
Ankai caves, Dist- Nashik .	MW (P) Tourist facilities at Ankai caves at Manmad, Dist - Nashik
Pandavlena caves, Dist - Nashik	Construction of toilet at Pandavlena caves at Nashik
	MW to Construction of retaining wall and pathway beyond cave no. 25 Pandavlena caves at Nashik
Hindu temple at Devthan	Conservation of Hindu temple at Devthandist – Nashik
Old group of temples at Anjaneri	Repairs to Old group of temples at Anjaneri.