

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1810
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

RENOVATION OF KHAJURAHO GROUP OF TEMPLES

1810. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there is urgent need for the renovation of the Khajuraho group of temples which also happens to be a world heritage site;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is also aware that neither Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is giving its approval nor the ASI itself making any substantial efforts for their renovation;
- (c) if so, the efforts being made by the Government to address this issue;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details of the efforts being made by the Government to make timings of worship in the Matangeshwara Mahadev temple more liberal and extended as per the reasonable

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The conservation and maintenance of the Western, Eastern and Southern Groups of temples, Khajuraho, a world heritage site, is a regular process and is taken up as per the requirement and availability of resources. These Groups of temples at Khajuraho are well preserved and maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and all these temples are in a good state of conservation.
- (d)
- (e) Keeping in view of the reasonable expectation of the local population, the Matangeshwara Mahadev Temple is excluded from the main boundary of the Western complex of Khajuraho Temple. The said temple is exempt from the entry ticket. Timings of visiting the temple is as per the AMASR rules.
