

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOKSABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTIONNO. †2659
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS MONUMENTS

†2659. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Jagadamba temple situated in Tahakari village Ghatan Devi Point, Ghatghar Dam located in Ghatghar and Amriteshwar Temple located in village Ratanwadi of Akole taluka and Siddheshwar temple of Lord Shiva on the bank of river Pravara in Akole taluka under Shirdi Parliamentary Constituency of Maharashtra are very ancient and historical and attract tourists;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated or proposes to formulate any action plan for the conservation and maintenance of these very ancient religious monuments and other historical sites;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated so far or proposed to be allocated for this purpose?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Temples namely Triple Shrined Temple of Bhavani, locally known as Jagdamba Temple Tahakari District Ahmednagar, the Temple of Amriteshwar, Ratanwadi, Tehsil, Akole, and Temple of Siddheshwar Mahdev, Toka Tehsil Newasa, District Ahmednagar are declared as of monuments of national importance and are looked after by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (b) ASI takes up conservation and maintenance works of protected monuments and areas & including provision of public amenities as per the requirement and availability of resources.
- (c)
- (d) Details of total funds allocated and expenditure for the conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and areas by ASI during the last three years is given as under:
(amount in crore)

Year	Allocation	Expenditure
2021-22	270.00	269.57
2022-23	392.71	391.93
2023-24	443.53	443.53
