

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2703**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2025

**RENOVATION OF TEMPLE AND FORT**

†2703. SHRI LUMBA RAM CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of ancient temples in the country are lying in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details of important/major temples built centuries ago, especially in Sirohi and Jalore districts of Rajasthan;
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the dilapidated condition of the Achalgarh fort in Mount Abu and the Achaleshwar Mahadev temple situated just outside the fort;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to renovate the Achalgarh fort; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the arrangement made by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM  
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are total 3698 monuments/sites including 163 in the state of Rajasthan & under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) which includes
- (b) ancient temples. All monuments/sites are in good state of preservation. However, there is no monument/site under the protection of ASI in Sirohi and Jalore districts of Rajasthan.
- (c) Achalgarh Fort is situated about 11 kilometers north of Mount Abu, to originally built by the Paramara dynasty rulers. The fort now exists in form
- (e) of some structural remains only. However, Achaleshwar Mahadev Temple is outside the fort; managed and maintained by the Sirohi Board Trust. However, the Achalgarh Fort and Achaleshwar Mahadev Temple are not protected monuments under ASI and there is no proposal under consideration for their renovation.

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