

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.73
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3.2.2025

DEVELOPMENT OF NEVASA PILGRIMAGE SITE

+73. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Nevasa in Ahmednagar district of Maharashtra is a holy place, which is the birthplace of great sage Saint Gyaneshwar of Marathi literature & culture and is a centre of historical and cultural importance of Maharashtra;
- (b) whether Saint Gyaneshwar born in 1275 AD in Nevasa, was a great sage, poet and philosopher who composed devotional literature in Marathi language and whose most famous work 'Gyaneshwari' is best on the life and teachings of Lord Krishna;
- (c) whether the Samadhi of Gyaneshwar is situated in Nevasa village, is a place of pilgrimage for his followers and his statue is installed here which is worshipped and there are several other temples and monuments in the said village which are associated with the life and works of Gyaneshwar;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to ensure allocation of Central funds for cultural and religious development of Nevasa pilgrimage sites; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are local belief about Nevasa. Further, the ancient site locally known as Ladmod, Newasa, District Ahmednagar was declared as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
- (b) The tradition and local belief says so.
- (c)&(d) The Samadhi of Gyaneshwar and other temples are located in Alandi, District Pune, which are not under the protection of Archaeological Survey of India.
- (e)&(f) The Ancient site locally known as Ladmod, Newasa, is looked after by Archaeological Survey of India and expenditure incurred on its maintenance during the last three years is as under:
2021-22 Rs.369400
2022-23 Rs.635412
2023-24 Rs.321268
