

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3630
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

PRESERVATION OF SHIVA TEMPLE IN DHANBAD

†3630. SHRI DULU MAHATO:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to declare the 1000-year-old Shiva temple situated on Jinshi Hill under Dhanbad Lok Sabha Constituency as a protected heritage;
- (b) whether the Government is taking any steps for the historical and architectural preservation of this temple, so that it remains safe for future generations and its cultural importance remains intact;
- (c) whether this temple has been proposed for development under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) scheme, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the pathways, seating areas, toilets, water arrangements and special facilities for the disabled to be provided to enhance the experience of devotees in the temple premises;
- (e) whether the Government is providing support under PRASAD scheme for the preservation and promotion of this temple; and
- (f) if so, the time by which the relevant amount be available for its implementation?

ANSWER

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

- (a) & At present; there is no such proposal under consideration. Further, monuments other than
- (b) those of National Importance fall under the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments/ Union Territories Administration. Therefore, the responsibility for the historical and architectural preservation of the temple rests with the State Government.
- (c) & At present, no such proposal is under consideration.
- (d)
- (e) & Receiving proposals from the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for
- (f) financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds..
