

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3765
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2026

**CONSERVATION OF SHRI RAMESHWAR TEMPLE, DHANDARPHAL,
MAHARSHTRA**

†3765. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Shri Rameshwar Devasthan established by Prabhu Shri Ram in village Dhandarphal, Tehsil Sangamner, district Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra is an ancient and historical pilgrimage site that attracts tourists;
- (b) whether the Government has proposed/proposes to make any action plan for the conservation and maintenance of ancient religious monuments and other historical sites;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of fund allocated/proposed to be allocated for the said project?

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

- (a) Shri Rameshwar Devasthan is neither protected under the Archaeological Survey of India nor by the State Archaeology Department, Government of Maharashtra.
- (b) to The conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and protected areas (sites) is carried out by Archaeological Survey of India as per requirement, priority and availability of resources, which is a regular phenomenon, following the National Conservation Policy, 2014. There are 3686 number of protected monuments and protected areas (sites) are declared under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act,1958) across the country. Details of the funds allocated and expenditure incurred on conservation and maintenance of protected monuments and protected areas in the country, during the last three years are as under:

(Amount Rupees in crores)

| Year | Allocation | Expenditure |
|---------|------------|-------------|
| 2022-23 | 392.71 | 391.93 |
| 2023-24 | 443.53 | 443.53 |
| 2024-25 | 313.43 | 313.04 |
