GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4084
ANSWERED ON 18.08.2025

PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL POOJA AND MYTHOLOGICAL PRACTICES

4084. SMT. MALVIKA DEVI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government to preserve old heritage traditional Pooja and mythological practices;

(b) the details of the fund utilised by the Government on preserving old temples of the country including Odisha especially in Kalahandi and Nuapada during the last five years; and

(c) the details of the fund utilised by the Government for restoration of old temples in the country including Odisha?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Ministry of Culture, through the Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA)—the nodal agency for all Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)-related matters in the country—maintains the National Inventory of ICH. This inventory encompasses a wide range of traditions and practices, including pooja and mythological rituals, Kutiyattam, Ramlila, Vedic Chanting, Nowrouz, Ramman, Mudiyettu, Buddhist Chanting, Sankirtana, Chetttikulangara Kumbha Bharani Kettukazhacha, Lama Dances of Sikkim, Jangam Gayan, Durga Puja, Qawwali, Garba, Ranmale, Rangpachami Gerr, Deepawali, Chhath Puja, Mahabharata Koothu Festival, Narmada Parikrama, Pandharpur Vari, Rath Yatra of Puri, and Bhagoriya Adivasi Nritya.

The process of inclusion in the National Inventory involves systematic digitization and documentation of these traditional practices. Furthermore, cultural events are organized to provide performance opportunities to local artists and stakeholders. In this regard, the SNA, in collaboration with the District Administration, Solapur, Maharashtra, and the Shri Vitthal Rukmini Temple Trust, Pandharpur, Maharashtra, organised *Kala Pravah*—a temple festival—at Shri Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Bhavan from 23–24 June 2024. The festival featured performances of Bharud, Warkari Kirtan, Sapta Khanjiri Bhajan, Dashawtar, and the Warkari Dindi procession.

(b) to (c) The fund allocation and expenditure for conservation and preservation in the country including Odisha over the last five years has been attached as per annexure attached.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (B) DETAILS OF ALLOCATION & EXPENDITURE INCURRED FOR CONSERVATION, PRESERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT OF PROTECTED MONUMENTS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

(Amount Rs. in Crore)

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Circle / Branch (Number of Monuments)	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
			Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Uttar Pradesh	Agra (154)	13.00	12.96	19.35	19.35	21.27	21.15	23.52	23.52	9.50	9.48
		Jhansi (173)	1.00	1.00	4.15	4.15	7.00	7.00	5.82	5.82	4.30	4.30
		Lucknow (191)	3.88	3.88	10.44	10.44	19.03	19.03	16.93	16.93	5.51	5.51
		Sarnath (143)	4.38	4.38	5.50	5.50	10.15	10.15	11.32	11.32	4.32	4.32
		Meerut (82)	0.00	0.00	2.80	2.80	6.20	6.20	7.95	7.95	5.20	4.72
2.	Maharashtra	Aurangabad (75)	3.16	3.16	8.00	7.99	18.70	18.70	26.80	26.80	5.20	5.16
		Mumbai (117)	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	15.35	15.35	15.56	15.56	12.58	12.56
		Nagpur (94)	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	5.00	4.99	10.18	10.18	6.80	6.80
3.	Karnataka	Bangalore (133)	5.27	5.27	9.75	9.75	19.85	19.85	17.34	17.34	5.05	5.05
		Hampi (91)	9.10	9.10	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	12.25	12.25	3.80	3.71
		Dharwad (282)	6.40	6.40	7.32	7.32	10.08	10.08	9.57	9.57	5.42	5.42
4.	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal (183)	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.90	14.90	17.22	17.22	7.40	7.40
		Jabalpur (108)	3.50	3.50	4.75	4.75	8.00	8.00	9.27	9.27	4.50	4.49
5.	Odisha	Bhubaneswar /Puri (81)	3.63	3.63	8.23	8.23	13.18	13.17	12.29	12.29	8.50	7.74
6.	West Bengal,	Kolkata (86)	6.03	6.02	7.67	7.57	10.16	10.16	9.10	9.10	3.95	3.92
7.	West Bengal, Sikkim	Raiganj (52)	1.35	1.35	5.00	5.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	3.80	3.80
8.	Tamil Nadu, Puducherry	Chennai (257)	5.25	5.25	8.00	8.00	11.45	11.45	12.95	12.95	9.25	9.24
		Trichy (162)	2.00	2.00	4.00	4.0	8.50	8.50	9.55	9.55	3.40	3.40
9.	Punjab Haryana	Chandigarh (126)	0.80	0.80	1.50	1.50	6.53	6.53	11.00	11.00	5.65	5.65
10	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla (40)	1.25	1.25	1.15	1.15	8.90	8.90	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00
11.	Delhi (NCT)	Delhi (172)	20.82	20.82	19.10	19.08	30.50	30.35	36.14	36.14	17.85	16.53
		Delhi Mini Circle	3.69	3.69	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
12.	Goa	Goa (21)	3.70	3.70	7.00	7.00	10.45	10.45	9.90	9.90	6.00	6.00
13.	Assam Meghalaya Nagaland Arunachal Pradesh	Guwahati (70)	3.04	3.04	3.30	3.30	7.44	7.44	8.78	8.78	3.20	3.19
14.	Manipur Mizoram Tripura	Aizawl (10)	1.31	1.31	1.25	1.25	2.00	2.00	1.29	1.29	1.00	0.99
15.	Rajasthan	Jaipur (90)	7.40	7.40	7.53	7.53	10.28	10.28	12.75	12.75	7.20	7.15
		Jodhpur (73)	4.10	4.10	4.50	4.50	7.65	7.65	10.65	10.65	6.75	6.75
16.	Telangana	Hyderabad (8)	2.80	2.80	7.00	6.80	15.50	15.50	14.38	14.38	4.80	4.77
17.	Andhra Pradesh	Amravati (135)	4.57	4.57	5.75	5.75	11.60	11.60	14.70	14.70	6.50	6.50
18.	Bihar	Patna (70)	1.23	1.23	3.35	3.35	9.00	9.00	16.00	16.00	5.33	5.33
19.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T)	Srinagar (56)	0.80	0.80	2.55	2.55	6.11	6.03	7.17	7.17	3.65	3.64
20.	Ladakh (UT)	Mini Circle Leh (15)	0.20	0.20	0.43	0.43	1.92	1.92	3.50	3.50	1.50	1.50
21.	Kerala	Thrissure (29)	2.03	2.03	6.82	6.82	7.50	7.50	7.09	7.09	4.22	4.22
22.	Gujarat Daman & Diu (UT)	Vadodara (170)	6.35	6.35	8.00	8.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	4.50	4.50
	Gujarat	Rajkot (46)	0.99	0.99	2.50	2.50	3.09	3.09	2.50	2.50	2.00	2.00
23.	Uttarakhand	Dehradun (44)	4.60	4.60	3.75	3.75	4.85	4.85	5.42	5.42	3.60	3.60
24.	Chhattisgarh	Raipur (46)	2.89	2.89	4.78	4.78	7.50	7.50	5.94	5.94	5.13	5.13
25.	Jharkhand	Ranchi (13)	0.88	0.88	1.18	1.16	2.00	2.00	2.15	2.15	1.25	1.25
		Chemical Preservation (All India)	3.82	3.81	6.51	6.48	9.91	9.89	8.36	8.36	3.15	2.97
		Horticultural Activity (All India)	44.75	44.75	19.33	19.32	--	--	--	--	--	--
		DG Office	44.42	44.42	11.74	11.73	3.15	2.77	13.19	13.19	2.17	2.15
		Reserve	-	-	0.02	0.00	--	--	--	--	--	--
		Total	**260.90**	**260.83**	**270.00**	**269.57**	**392.71**	**391.93**	**443.53**	**443.53**	**205.93**	**202.84**