

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RENOVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE .
Argal Shri Ashok

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Shaivite temples of seventh century are located at Sihonia, Mitarali, Bateshwar and some other places in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh including unique temple with 108 Shivalings;
- (b) If so, whether Archaeological Survey of India proposes to grant special package for their renovation so as to protect these archaeological and cultural heritages; and
- (c) If so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) Conservation of the protected monuments is a continuous process. Archaeological Survey of India is undertaking regular conservation works at the protected temples of Bateshwar, Sihonia, Mitarali, Padawali and group of temples at Nareswar in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh, as provided in the Annual Conservation Programme.

The expenditure incurred during the last three years and allocation for the year 2006-07 for conservation and maintenance of above temples is as under:

(Rs. In Lakhs)	
Year	Expenditure
2003-04	1.61
2004-05	9.68
2005-06	35.12
Allocation for	2006-07 64.78