

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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MAINTENANCE OF HISTORICAL TEMPLES IN PAKISTAN  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of India and Pakistan have allocated funds for the construction and maintenance of temples of historical and archaeological importance located in Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of these temples and the nature of work carried out so far;
- (d) whether the work pertaining to restoration of these temples is being carried out satisfactorily; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e) The Government of India has not allotted any funds for the construction & maintenance of temples of historical and archaeological importance located in Pakistan. However, on the request of Pakistan Government, an ASI expert visited the Katasraj Temple Complex from 29th Aug to 2nd Sept. 2005 and a report has been submitted to the Government of Pakistan in Jan. 2006. The restoration work of this temple is being carried out by the authorities in Pakistan. India has offered to provide further technical assistance, if required.