

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MAHAKAL TEMPLE ORISSA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the reconstruction of the 'Mahakal Temple' near the Buddhist site at Ratnagiri in Jajpur district, Orissa;
- (b) the total expenditure likely to be incurred on this project;
- (c) the cost and time overrun on this project;
- (d) the reasons for delay in completion of the reconstruction; and
- (e) the time by which the construction will now be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Reconstruction of the main temple of 'Mahakal' near the Buddhist site at Ratnagiri has been completed. However, works relating to other ancillary structures are in progress.

An expenditure of Rs.21.36 lakhs has been incurred so far and around Rs.20.00 lakhs is required for completing the remaining works.

Conservation work is a slow process. Only after a thorough study and documentation, reconstruction work of the main temple was taken up and completed as per approved programme. The remaining works are scheduled for completion within a year.