

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Renovation of ancient places of worship

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide financial assistance to carry out repairs of Churches, Mosques, Gurudwaras and Temples;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of protected ancient Temples, Gurudwaras, Mosques and Churches in the country, State-wise;
- (c) whether these religious sites are regularly repaired and properly maintained by Archaeological Survey of India;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon during the last three years, State-wise and structure-wise; and
- (e) the other remedial steps taken by the Government to maintain these religious places?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e) Yes Madam. There is a scheme to provide financial assistance to monuments less than 100 years old. So far in the last three years, financial assistance is provided to the following monuments.

Amount Rs. In Lakhs

Sl. No. Year Name of Monument/State Financial Assistance

1. 2013-14 Dolma Lakhang Gompha, Bhuntor, HP 5.00

Ling Gysar, Gyapho, HP 5.00

2. 2014-15 Sheikh Musa Dargah at Nuh. Harayana 5.00

3. 2015-16 Sheikh Musa Dargah at Nuh. Harayana 5.00

The financial assistance is provided to voluntary organizations for preservation of monuments, sites or remains of historical/cultural value not protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) or the State Departments of archaeology. ASI does not maintain these unprotected monuments and sites once the grants are provided to them.