

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MODHERA SUN TEMPLE AND STEP - WEL
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL;SAVSHIBHAI MAKWANA

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Sun temple at Modhera and Step-Wel at Patan in North Gujarat are being threatened from flood in the Pushparati river;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the government to protect these ancient temples from the natural calamities; and
- (c) the steps being taken to attract more foreign and Indian tourists to these sites ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) The construction of flood protection works by the State Government along the banks of the Pushpavati river has reduced the flood threat to the Sun Temple, Modhera. There is no threat of floods to the Rani-Ka-Vav at Patan as the monument is situated far away from the river.

(c) Gardens have been laid around the Sun Temple, Modhera and amenities such as toilets and drinking water have been provided by the Archaeological Survey of India. The Government of Gujarat organises a cultural festival annually at the Sun Temple complex, Modhera.

At Rani - Ka - Vav, basic amenities such as fencing have been provided. Land has been acquired around the monument where further facilities will be developed subject to the availability of funds.