

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

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MAINTENANCE OF TEMPLES IN ORISSA  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

(a) the details of funds allocated for the preservation and maintenance of Lord Baldevji temple at Keonjhargarh, Orissa during the last three years; and

(b) the details of other steps taken for the proper preservation and maintenance of ancient temples in the State ?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE ( SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) The Lord Baldevji temple at Keonjhargarh Orissa is a monument protected by the Government of Orissa. As such, it does not come within the purview of the A.S.I.

(b) The Archaeological Survey of India has 73 centrally protected monuments, which also include temples, in the state of Orissa. Maintenance and conservation of the centrally protected monuments is a continuous process. The centrally protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.