

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

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

- (a) whether Hampi treasure enlisted as a World Heritage site is not being preserved properly;
- (b) whether temples in Gorantla, Lepakshi and Tadparti are required to be properly preserved;
- (c) is so, the details in this regard; and
- (d) the action proposed to be taken to preserve the site properly with cooperation of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka as it reflected history of Telugus and Kannadians?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : The centrally protected monuments in Hampi, Karnataka, Shri Mashavaraya Swamy temple at Gorantala, Veerbhadra Swamy temple, Lepakshi and temples at Tadipatri in Andhra Pradesh are in a fairly good state of preservation.

Besides maintenance of the protected temples, extensive conservation work has been carried out on Sri Veerbhadra Swamy temple, Lepakshi and Sri C.V.R. Swamy temple at Tadipatri over the last four years.

(d) Cooperation of the respective State Government is sought as and when required.