

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6131
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CHITRAGUPTA TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has drawn to the news item captioned "Sole temple for Chitragupta in neglected State" as reported in Deccan Chronicle dated March 4, 2005;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached the Union Government for any financial help;
- (d) if so, the amount granted by the Union Government; and
- (e) the steps taken/to be taken to protect the Chitragupta Temple?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The temple is not in a neglected state. The temple was renovated in 1992 and a 5-member committee looks after the affairs of the temple.
- (c) The Archaeological Survey of India has not received any proposal for grant of financial assistance for this temple from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) There is no proposal at present to declare it as a centrally protected monument.