

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MONUMENTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the Cultural Heritage as reflected in temples and Sthupas built by the Kakatiya Kings in Warangal, Nalgonda, Khammam and Karim Nagar Districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the measures being taken to protect these temples and monuments by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) There are 137 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Andhra Pradesh which include three monuments in Warangal District belonging to the Kakatiya period. These monuments are in good state of preservation. The Archaeological Survey of India undertakes preservation, conservation and maintenance of these monuments/sites by way of structural repairs, chemical preservation and environmental development as per archaeological norms subject to availability of resources. In addition to regular watch & ward staff of Archaeological Survey of India, private security personnel have also been deployed for the safety and security of these monuments/sites. The monuments/sites declared as protected by the Government of Andhra Pradesh include monuments of the Kakatiya period in the Districts of Karimnagar, Nalgonda, Warangal, and Khammam. It is the responsibility of the Government of Andhra Pradesh to conserve State protected monuments.