

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ANCIENT TEMPLES AND MOSQUES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of ancient temples and mosques in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the year of construction of such monuments;
- (c) whether these places of worship are appropriately maintained;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the funds sanctioned and released for maintaining of these monuments during the last three years and the current year, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) There are 985 ancient temples and 205 mosques declared as of national importance within the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of India. The State-wise list is at Annexure-I.
- (b) The year of construction in respect of temples and mosques varies from 4th to 19th Century AD for temples and 12th to 19th Century AD for mosques.
- (c)&(d) The ancient temples and mosques declared as of national importance are in fairly good state of preservation and maintenance. These are conserved, scientifically preserved and maintained as per established principles of conservation subject to availability of resources.
- (e) The State-wise/Circle-wise amount incurred on conservation, preservation, and maintenance of all the centrally protected monuments, including the temples and mosques across the country during the last three years and the allocation for the current year is at Annexure-II.