

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROTECTED TEMPLES IN BIHAR  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether ancient Maa Mundeshwari Temple of Bihar is protected by the Archaeological Survey of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the other protected temples in Bihar;
- (c) whether the temple precincts are in dilapidated condition and its remnants are getting destroyed in the absence of any protection;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Government proposes to renovate and protect this ancient temple; and
- (f) if so, the time by which the renovation work is likely to be started?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. There are 70 monuments/sites declared as of national importance in Bihar under the control of Archaeological Survey of India which include the following four temples:

- (1) Temple of Mundeshwari Devi, Paura, Kaimur
- (2) Rock Temple, Kahalgaon, Bhagalpur
- (3) Shiva Temple, Konch, Gaya and
- (4) Kanhaiya Jee Ka Mandir, Bandarjhula, Kishanganj

(c)&(d) No, Sir. The temple precincts under the control of the Archaeological Survey of India are in a fairly good condition. Day-to-day maintenance, repairs and conservation of the temples are carried out, from time to time, depending upon the needs.

(e)&(f) As per the accepted policy on conservation, the renovation of monuments declared as of national importance is attended to by the Archaeological Survey of India to ensure that their authenticity and integrity remain maintained.