

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4727  
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BEAUTIFICATION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for the beautification of places of worship in tribal dominated areas in the country particularly in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to beautify the Markhanda temple of Chamorshi Taluka in the tribal Garhchiroli Chimur of Maharashtra State and provide basic facilities to the devotees visiting the temple; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India are in a good state of preservation and repair / maintenance work on them is attended regularly. There is no separate scheme for beautification of monuments in tribal dominated areas.
- (c) & (d): Conservation work of Markhanda temple is attended continuously depending upon the availability of resources and need for repairs at site. Visitors facilities are taken care of and special efforts are made in this regard for the festive occasions.