

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBMERGENCE OF TEMPLE
Kumar Shri Kaushalendra

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Mata Rukmini Devi temple in Dwarka in the State of Gujarat has been submerged in the sea;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for preservation and maintenance of the said temple?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) & (b) No, Sir. Shri Rukmani Temple, locally called Rukmani Mata Temple, at Dwarka District Jamnagar of Gujarat was notified as early as in 1936 and presently is a centrally protected monument, and is in good state of preservation.
- (c) During the last two years, besides annual maintenance and upkeep of the temple, a boundary wall of random rubble masonry has been constructed on its three sides to contain backwaters. In addition, a toilet made of Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic has been provided for public convenience of visitors.