

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7587
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MAINTENANCE OF BRIHADEESWARA TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has taken note of the state of conservation of Brihadeeswara temple at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government/ ASI regularly carry out maintenance and renovation work of the said World Heritage Site;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government/ASI to protect the said historic temple?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) The Brihadeeswara Temple at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu is a protected monument of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The conservation work of this temple is attended regularly by ASI depending upon the need of repairs and availability of resources and it is in a good state of preservation.

The details of expenditure incurred for conservation work of this temple during the last three years, are as under:

S. No. Year Expenditure Incurred
(Amount in Rs.)

1. 2009-10 63,22,759/-
2. 2010-11 39,49,972/-
3. 2011-12 30,16,551/-