

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:914  
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BEAUTIFICATION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP  
Sainuji Shri Kowase Marotrao

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

- (a) & (b) The centrally protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India alongwith places of worship in tribal dominated areas in the country including Maharashtra are in a good state of preservation as conservation work on them is attended regularly as per the archaeological norms and principles, depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources.
- (c) & (d) The conservation work of Markhanda temple is also attended regularly and it is maintained properly. The work of improvement of approach to smaller shrines and proper drainage of the temple complex is taken up and essential basic facilities are provided to the tourists during the festival season.