

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3699
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PROTECTION OF TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ancient Chola temple in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh lies in a state of neglect;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to protect such ancient temples in Andhra Pradesh which are so far neglected by allocating sufficient funds?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) There are two protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh which are in a good state of preservation. The conservation work of protected monuments is attended regularly depending upon the need of the repairs and they are not neglected. The details of expenditure incurred during last three years and provision for the current financial year for these monuments are as under:

(Amount in Rupees)

Sl. No. Year Expenditure incurred/ Allocation

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| 1. | 2009-10 | 1,50,000 |
| >2. | 2010-11 | 6,64,000 |
| 3. | 2011-12 | 20,10,000 |
| 4. | 2012-13 | 9,38,000 |
- (Allocation)