

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RENOVATION OF CHURCHES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided assistance for the renovation work of churches throughout the country, particularly in West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the names of the churches and their locations;
- (c) the expenditure involved in each of the renovation works, church-wise;
- (d) the time by which work is expected to be completed and the kind of renovation work being undertaken; and
- (e) the names of other structures in West Bengal taken up for renovation, if any, and the cost involved in each case?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes Sir, the Government of India provides necessary funds for conservation work of protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), including churches, throughout the country comprising West Bengal also. The names of protected churches with their locations including expenditure incurred for conservation work last three years and provision for the current financial year are being collected.

(d) & (e) The conservation work of monuments is a continuous process, therefore time frame based approach is not feasible. The work involves essential structural repairs at different sites including chemical preservation & environmental development. The details about names of other protected monuments in West Bengal, being taken up for conservation in the current financial year along with financial allocation are being collected.