

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESTORATION OF SIDDHESHWAR TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the restoration and conservation work of the Siddheshwar Temple in Maharashtra has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the said work of other temples in various parts of the country is still under progress;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has made any provisions for the continued upkeep of the Hottal temples including the ones under restoration; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)to(d) There are three centrally protected temples in Maharashtra in the name of Siddheshwar namely Siddheshwar Temple at Machnur in district Sholapur, Temple of Siddheshwar Mahadev at Toka in district Ahmednagar and Old Temple of Siddheshwar with three inscription slabs at Vaghli in district Jalgaon. Conservation work on them, including the temples in the other parts of the country is a continuous process. Essential conservation work to all such monuments is attended to, regularly, depending upon the need of the repairs and availability of resources and they are in a good state of preservation.

(e)&(f) Hottal temples are not protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). However, the said monuments are under the protection of State Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra.