

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF TEMPLE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the dilapidated condition of the world famous Thousand Pillars Temple at Warangal in Telengana region of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether there has been an inordinate delay by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in completing the renovation, conservation and protection of the temple/monument;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by ASI for expeditious completion of the renovation work of the said temple?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) The main shrine of Thousand Pillars Temple at Warangal is in a fairly good state of preservation. However, the Kalyana Mandapa of the same temple complex developed some structural problems. Hence, special attention is being paid to restoration.
- (c)to(e) No Madam. Archaeological restoration works are time-consuming in nature, owing to many factors, such as, regard to authenticity, integrity, associated heritage values and high workmanship due to ornamental features etc. However, full efforts are made by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for earliest completion of restoration work.