

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

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has submitted a detailed report regarding damage to the Kedarnath Temple in Uttarakhand and suggested to change the course of the Mandakini river to save the temple;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ASI has any proposal to assist in the restoration of the Kedarnath temple;
- (d) if so, the estimated cost of restoration of the Kedarnath Temple and other monuments in the hilly State;
- (e) whether the ASI has set up a team of experts to assess the damage; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the restoration work is likely to be started along with expected time of completion thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has prepared a detailed report and estimate for conservation of Kedarnath Temple but change of course of the Mandakini river around this unprotected monument has not been suggested. The report received from Geological Survey of India in this regard has been sent to State Govt. of Uttarakhand.

(c)&(d) The estimated cost worked out for conservation and preservation of Kedarnath Temple by ASI is Rs. 3.65 crores.

(e)&(f) A team of experts has been constituted by the ASI for conservation of Kedarnath Temple. The conservation work of the temple was started in the month of October, 2013 which at present is suspended due to harsh weather conditions at site and closure of the temple. Due to limited working season, lack of proper land route approach and extreme weather conditions it is difficult to fix up an exact time frame.