

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RELOCATION OF SUBMERGED TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that a proposal forwarded by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh for relocation of ancient temples submerged in GovindSagar Lake of Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh is still pending with the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for pendency of the said proposal; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

(a)to(c) The ancient temples submerged in GovindSagar Lake of Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh are not the protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The relocation work requires adequate land and funds, which has to be arranged by State Government. Thereafter necessary technical advice can be rendered by the ASI. No such proposal is pending with the ASI.