

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:611
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RELOCATION OF SUBMERGED TEMPLES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the work relating to preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in cooperation with the Ministry on the basis of the Geo Technical Report sent by the Government of Himachal Pradesh for relocation of the ancient temples submerged in the GobindSagar Lake of Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh and the subsequent release of funds is pending;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay in preparation of DPR by the ASI; and
- (c) the time by which DPR is likely to be ready and the funds are likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) CULTURE & TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

- (a)&(b) The ancient temples submerged in GobindSagar Lake of Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh are not centrally protected monuments. The Geo Technical Report was prepared by Geological Wing of the Department of Industry, Government of Himachal Pradesh. The relocation work requires adequate land and funds, which have to be arranged by the State Government. Thereafter necessary technical advice can be rendered by the ASI. No work relating to Detailed Project Report is pending with the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (c) Question does not arise.