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Title: Need to send a team of experts for the conservation of 1000 years old shiv mandir on the banks of the River Waldhuni in Ambarnath in Kalyan Parliamentary Constituency.

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): Thank you, Deputy Speaker, Sir. Ambarnath is an upcoming town in my constituency where we have the Shiv Mandir constructed 954 years ago. Like many ancient temples of the time, this one was located on the banks of the River Waldhuni.

With industrialization, the river is ruined and is now flowing like a nullah with all the industrial and other wastes released into the same. This pollution has been so drastic that the ancient stone crafted temple is losing grips at some places and some of the carved stones are falling apart. The same Waldhuni River was in news for pollution at Ulhasnagar where more than 1500 people had to be admitted to hospitals.

The point here is that such ancient relics of mythology should be preserved with utmost care, which is not happening, causing further damage to the temple.

First of all, the Waldhuni Development Authority, which was created in 2007, should be revitalized and work should be undertaken for reduction of pollution which is taking toll on ancient Shiva Temple and also on the health of thousands of the people.

I would request the Government, through you, Sir, to take immediate action and send a team of experts for the conservation of this 1,000 year old heritage site and its beautification. Thank you, Sir.