

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2450**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

**PROJECTS UNDER NCF IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**2450. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:**

Will the Minister of **CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified two projects, first one is removal and resetting of approach steps to the Hill Fort at Udayagiri and the second one is removal and resetting of ancient flooring inside the Ranganayakula temple in Udayagiri, in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under the National Culture Fund (NCF);
- (b) whether it is true that the said projects are going to be taken up under CSR initiative through NCF;
- (c) the details of funds required for execution of the said two projects; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to pool funds for the above projects?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM**  
**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

- (a) The National Culture Fund (NCF) has identified approximately 250 heritage conservation projects and showcased them on its website for mobilization of voluntary contributions under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and other philanthropic initiatives. The projects relating to (i) removal and resetting of approach steps to the Hill Fort at Udayagiri and (ii) removal and resetting of ancient flooring inside the Ranganayakula temple in Udayagiri, in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh, are also among them.
- (b) The projects are displayed on the NCF website to facilitate support from prospective CSR donors and other philanthropists. Their implementation is dependent upon the interest and willingness of prospective donors to support the projects. As on date, no CSR donor has confirmed financial support for these two projects.
- (c) The estimated cost for the execution of the said two projects is Rs.7.25 crores. However, the final scope and cost of each project may vary depending upon the requirements of the donor and the technical assessment of the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (d) To mobilize resources, NCF hosts project details on its portal to enable prospective donors to identify projects based on location, heritage significance, thematic interest and level of financial commitment. However, NCF is open to accept CSR contributions and donations from donors for work required at other monuments also, as per the interest and willingness of the donor.

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