

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1367
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026

**CONDITION OF ANCIENT TEMPLES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONUMENTS IN
NASHIK**

1367. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has assessed condition of ancient temples and archaeological monuments in Nashik district, particularly in view of the forthcoming SimhashtaKumbhMela, and urgent need for conservation, restoration and visitor infrastructure;
- (b) the details of all temples, monuments and heritage structures in Nashik district protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), along with the details of conservation, restoration and development works sanctioned, ongoing and completed during the last five years, including the funds allocated and utilised State/UT-wise and project-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has identified delays in execution, shortage of funds or administrative bottlenecks affecting these projects, and the details of action taken to ensure accountability; and
- (d) the details of the specific preparations, budgetary allocations, timelines and inter-agency coordination proposed for conservation of heritage temples, improvement of pilgrim amenities and protection of archaeological sites in Nashik ahead of forthcoming SimhashtaKumbhMela?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are 11 Centrally Protected Monuments under the care and maintenance of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in Nashik District of Maharashtra and all are in good state of preservation. ASI takes up conservation and preservation work of centrally protected monuments as per the need of the monument and availability of resources.

Further, in view of the forthcoming SimhashtaKumbhMela various works have been taken up by ASI at Trimbakeshwar Temple and adjoining Gayatri and Shiv Temples, Pandavlena Caves, Gondeshvar Temple of Mahadev are attached as Annexure I. Also Specific conservation, repair, restoration and protection works have been taken up at 6 unprotected heritage structures in Nashik and 8 unprotected heritage structures in Trimbakeshwar by Directorate of Archaeology & Museum, Govt. of Maharashtra. In addition, conservation and restoration works are also being undertaken at KushavartKund Part-II and Part-II, which are State Protected Monuments, as part of the preparations for the forthcoming SimhashtaKumbhMela.

- (b) The details of all centrally protected monuments protected by the ASI in Nashik district are attached as Annexure II.

The details of available visitor amenities at the protected monuments/sites located in Nashik district is attached as Annexure III.

The details of conservation and development works carried out at the centrally protected monuments located in Nashik district during the last five years are attached as Annexure IV.

The details of funds allocated and utilized for the conservation and restoration work of centrally protected monuments during the last five years are attached as Annexure V.

- (c) No such delay in execution, shortage of funds or administrative bottlenecks has been identified by the ASI.

- (d) In view of the forthcoming SimhasthaKumbhMela 2027 necessary coordination is maintained among the Nashik-TrimbakeshwarSimhasthaKumbhMela Authority, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra, and other concerned departments and agencies.

The details of works carried out by State Archaeology Department, Govt. of Maharashtra for conservation of heritage and improvement of pilgrim amenities pertaining to forthcoming SimhasthaKumbhMela are attached as Annexure VI.

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List of ongoing and proposed works of ASI at centrally protected monuments located in Nashik District

A. Ongoing Works

Sl. No.	Name of works
1.	Water tightening of the roof and minor repairs to Trimbakeshwar temple ,Trimbak dist. Nashik
2.	Conservation and Repairs to Hindu temple at Devthan, Dist. Nashik
3.	Frontage development of Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist. Nashik
4.	Chemical cleaning and preservation of Exterior of the temple, Trimbakeshwar temple,Trimbak, Dist. Nashik

B. Proposed Works

Sl. No.	Name of works
1.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Conservation to Northern and Eastern gate of Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak Dist. Nashik
2.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Heritage illumination of Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak Dist. Nashik
3.	Improving the existing electric fittings and wiring within premises of the Trimbakeshwar temple, Trimbak dist. Nashik
4.	Conservation of Gayatri temple adjacent to Trimbakeshwar temple, Trimbak Dist. Nashik
5.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Removal of Paver blocks and laying Stone slab flooring on ghat side in between Prakara and Godavari along ghat side at Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak Dist. Nashik
6.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Providing dwarf wall along with properly designed brass chain in front of temple on Northern side at Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak, Dist. Nashik
7.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Shifting of wooden Deoghar from Sabhamandapa to outside within prakara wall in consultation with temple trust and providing suitable glass shed at Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak Dist. Nashik
8.	Trimbakeshwar Temple in connection with KUMBH Mela- Providing visitors amenities at Trimbakeshwar temple at Trimbak Dist. Nashik
9.	KumbhMela special- Landscaping & Peripheral up gradation at Trimbakeshwar and adjoining temples at Trimbak, Dist. Nashik
10.	Conservation & minor repairs to the temples at Anjaneri, Dist. Nashik
11.	Conservation and repairs to Temple of Mahadev at Zodga, Dist. Nashik
12.	Scientific and chemical treatment of Ankai Caves, Nashik

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List of Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites under the jurisdiction of ASlin District
Nashik

Sl. No.	Name of the monuments	Locality	District
1.	Hindu Temple	Ambegaon	Nasik
2.	Old temples at Anjanner	Anjaneri	Nasik
3.	Caves	Ankai	Nasik
4.	Hindu temple	Deothan	Nasik
5.	Old MatichiGadhi	Nasik	Nasik
6.	Pandav Lena Caves	Pathardi	Nasik
7.	The Temple of Aeshwar	Sinnar	Nasik
8.	Gondeshvar Temple of Mahadev	Sinnar	Nasik
9.	Tryambakeshwar Temple and adjoining Gayatri and Shiv Temples alongwith area comprised in survey plot numbers 10,11,12,13, and parts of survey plot numbers 9, 1327 and 1339	Trimbak	Nasik
10.	Jaina Cave	Tringalwadi	Nasik
11.	The Hemadpanti Temple of Mahadeo	Zodga	Nasik

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The details of available visitor amenities at the ASI protected monuments/sites located in Nashik district

Sl. No.	Monument / Site	Amenities Available
1.	Tryambakeshwar Temple and adjoining Gayatri and Shiv Temples	Cultural Notice Board (English , Hindi & Marathi), Protection Notice Board, Toilet (Female, Male &Divyang), Drinking Water, Garbage Bin, Benches, First Aid, CCTV
2.	Pandav Lena Caves	Cultural Notice Board (English, Hindi & QR Code based), Protection Notice Board, Toilet (Female, Male &Divyang), Drinking Water, Garbage Bin, Benches, First Aid, CCTV, Souvenir/ Publication Counter
3.	The Temple of Aeshwar	Cultural Notice Board (English, Hindi & Marathi), Protection Notice Board, Garbage bin, Benches
4.	Gondeshvar Temple of Mahadev	Cultural Notice Board (English, Hindi & Marathi), Protection Notice Board, Garbage bin, Benches
5.	Caves, Ankai	Cultural Notice Board (English, Hindi & Marathi), Protection Notice Board, Garbage bin, Benches
6.	Hindu Temple, Ambegaon	Protection Notice Board, Benches, Garbage bin
7.	The Hemadpanti Temple of Mahdeo, Zodga	Protection Notice Board, Drinking Water, Benches, Garbage bin
8.	Old Temple, Anjaneri	Protection Notice Board, Garbage bin, Benches
9.	Hindu Temple, Deothan	Protection Notice Board, Benches, Garbage bin
10.	Jaina Cave, Tringalwadi	Protection Notice Board, Benches, Garbage bin

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Details of Conservation and Development Works executed at Centrally Protected Monuments of ASI located in Nashik District during the last five years

2021-22

Sl.No.	Name of Works
1.	Conservation of Hindu temple at Deothan, Dist - Nashik
2.	Repairs to old group of temple at Anjaneri, Dist - Nashik
3.	Providing approach pathway and steps from bottom to hillock towards the hill top of Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist - Nashik
4.	Providing rain water drain and repairs to caves no. 13 to 24 at Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist - Nashik

2022-23

Sl.No.	Name of Works
1.	Repairs to old group of temple at Anjaneri, Dist - Nashik
2.	Providing tourist facilities at Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist - Nashik
3.	Public amenities at Gondeshwar temple at Sinnar, Dist - Nashik

2023-24

Sl.No.	Name of Works
1.	Providing M.S. grill fencing to protected area at Aishwar temple at Sinner, Dist - Nashik
2.	Public amenities at Aishwar temple at Sinnar, Dist - Nashik
3.	Tourist facilities at Ankai caves at Manmad, Dist - Nashik
4.	Construction of toilet at Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist - Nashik
5.	Construction of retaining wall and pathway beyond cave no. 25 Pandavlena caves at Nashik, Dist - Nashik
6.	Conservation of Hindu temple at Devthan Dist - Nashik
7.	Chemical Cleaning and preservation of interior of the temple

2024-25

Sl.No.	Name of Works
1.	Construction of retaining wall MS grill in front of cave. No.24 at Pandavlena caves, Nashik, Dist - Nashik
2.	Restoration and conservation of deep stambha and Dhvajastambha at the top of the temple at Trimbakeshwar, Dist - Nashik
3.	Public amenities at Aishwar temple at Sinnar, Dist - Nashik

2025-26

Sl.No.	Name of Works
1.	Construction of retaining wall MS grill in front of cave. No.24 at Pandavlena caves, Nashik, Dist - Nashik
2.	Restoration and conservation of deep stambha and Dhvajastambha at the top of the temple at Trimbakeshwar, Dist - Nashik

Annexure-V

ANNEXURE REFFERED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1367FOR 27.07.2026.

EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS LOCATED IN NASHIK DISTRICT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF ASI DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR

Sl. No.	Name of monuments	Expenditure (In Rs.)					
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (Till date)
1.	Pandav Lena Caves, Pathardi, Dist- Nashik	3216974	4132703	9572146	4236491	5545354	1165446
2.	Hindu temple at Ambegaon, Dist- Nashik	230345	887663	895503	259663	67596	72130
3.	Caves at Ankai, Dist- Nashik	112039	752213	3201855	494206	121173	184910
4.	Temple of TrimbakeshwarTrimbak, Dist-Nashik	642608	1316650	1036271	750348	467704	4475987
5.	Hindu temple at Deothan, Dist-Nashik	805717	1586905	51759	47995	4654	4530
6.	Old temple at Anjaneri, Dist-Nashik	9990937	6818173	1341796	748950	126940	170128
7.	Temple of GondeshwarMahadev, Sinnar, Dist- Nashik	375048	6525830	863877	837284	283820	201952
8.	Jaina Cave at Tringalwadi, Dist- Nashik	312055	384212	283589	260267	67363	81287

Sl. No.	Name of monuments	Expenditure (In Rs.)					
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27 (Till date)
9.	The Temple of AishwarSinnar, dist-Nashik	274159	545080	8443535	272391	36867	122256
10.	The Hemadpanti temple of Mahadeo, Zodga, Dist - Nashik	456649	1101394	708627	614989	510024	64867

Annexure-VI

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1367FOR 27.07.2026.

The details of works carried out by State Archaeology Department, Govt. of Maharashtra for conservation of heritage and improvement of pilgrim amenities

Sr. No.	Name of the work	A.A. (CR)	Tender Amount	Work Order Date	Contractor	Current status of the work
1.	Naroshankar Temple	3.91	2,78,83,425	15.12.2025	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
2.	Ajgareshwar Baba Samadhi Temple	1.50	1,12,98,612	25.11.2025	Mubarak Pathan, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
3.	EkMukhiDatta Temple to BalajiKot Wall Temple	5.53	3,98,66,404	25.11.2025	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
4.	Modakeshwar Temple Precinct & Talkuteshwar Temple	3.00	1,96,88,721	25.03.2026	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
5.	Kashivishveshwar Temple – Sandavyachi Devi	3.00	2,08,42,271	15.12.2025	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the

						work is in progress.
6.	Sundarnarayan Temple (Protective Wall)	1.86	1,35,00,432	25.03.2026	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
7.	Gautameshwar Temple	0.50	32,18,268	12.02.2026	Unity Heritage, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
8.	Gautameshwar Lake	1.00	66,89,555	18.03.2026	Shaikh RiyazIjaj, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
9.	SangamTirtha (Old Kushavarta&Kund)	0.50	31,93,963	12.02.2026	Unity Heritage, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
10.	IndraKund	3.00	1,76,39,304	01.01.2026	Mubarak Pathan, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
11.	BilvaTirtha	10.99	8,20,70,067	22.01.2026	Saiprem Construction, Latur	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
12.	Mukundeshwar Temple & Lake	5.73	4,25,49,913	01.01.2026	Gajraj Construction, Latur	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
13.	PrayagTirth	10.00	6,89,14,603	01.01.2026	Gajraj Construction, Latur	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
14.	ChokhobaMaharaj Temple	0.25	17,77,794	12.02.2026	Unity Heritage, Sambhajinagar	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.

15.	KushavartaKund (Phase-II)	3.12	2,25,10,544	25.03.2026	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
16.	KushavartaKund (Phase-III)	1.83	1,34,80,843	25.03.2026	Savani Heritage, Mumbai	The work order for the conservation-repair work has been issued to the contractor, and the work is in progress.
Total		55.72	39,51,24,719			
