

Preservation of Bhagyalakshmi temple near Char Minar

2049. SHRI AVINASH PANDE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the controversy regarding the Bhagyalakshmi temple at the foot of Char Minar;

(b) if so, the reasons for the lax attitude of Government towards preservation of the cultural heritage site;

(c) whether Government proposes to take any steps on this issue;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) to (e) The matter is subjudice in the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad.

Cultural heritage youth leadership programme

2050. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central Scheme relating to "Cultural Heritage Youth Leadership Programme" has been launched in November 2011;

(b) if so, the objective of the scheme; and

(c) how far the scheme has progressed in Jharkhand?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The objectives of the scheme are to enrich the awareness of culture amongst youth, in order to promote cultural awareness; mutual understanding and respect, as also to develop a love for India's rich heritage, with a view to developing appropriate leadership qualities amongst youth, with focus on less privileged children residing in backward areas.

(c) No proposal for financial assistance under the scheme has been received from Jharkhand