



# Nathdwara Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and Shri Sanwaliyaji Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 Passed by Voice Vote

## Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, the state assembly passed the Nathdwara Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and the Shri Sanwaliyaji Ji Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

## Key points

- Devasthan Minister Shakuntala Rawat presented both the bills in the House for discussion. After the discussion on the bills in the House, the Devasthan Minister, while highlighting the objectives and reasons of the bills, said that both the bills have been brought as per the directions of the Supreme Court.
- He said that before this amendment, deaf, dumb and leprosy patients could not become members in the board of both the temples. There was frustration in their minds because of this. He said the two bills will respect their sentiments and end their inferiority complex.
- Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that with the passage of these bills, deaf, dumb and leprosy patients will also be able to become presidents and members in the boards of these temples and participate in religious rituals.
- He said the state government has increased the honorarium of priests. Moksha-Kalash Scheme was run during Corona through Devasthan Department and pilgrimage is being done to the people of the state through senior citizen pilgrimage scheme.
- Earlier, the proposal to publicise the two bills for public opinion by members was rejected by the House by voice vote.

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