GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 507
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017

SALIENT FEATURES OF PROJECT 'MAUSAM'

507. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

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

(a) the salient features of Project 'Mausam' along with its present status;
(b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under this project, since its inception, State/UT-wise;
(c) the number of States/countries involved under this project at present;
(d) whether Government has fixed any time-frame for this project; and
(e) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made so far and its response with the other countries?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Project 'Mausam' is the initiative of Ministry of Culture to be implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as the nodal agency with research support of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum as associate bodies. This project aims to explore the multi-faceted Indian Ocean 'world' – collating archaeological and historical research in order to document the diversity of cultural, commercial and religious interactions in the Indian Ocean. The main objective of the project is to inscribe places and sites identified under Project Mausam as trans-national nomination for inscription on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

(b) An SFC, was approved for Rs.150, 244, 502/-for two year i.e. 2015-16 and 2016-17 and an amount of Rs.23,94,600/- is utilized upto March, 2017 on the Project.

(c) The list of 39 countries identified under Project Mausam is given in **Annexure-I.**

(d) & (e) No, Sir. Series of lectures and workshop has been organized. Indian Mission abroad in these countries have been requested to identify appropriate authority/experts for dialogue and to identify potential sites for preparing Tentative List proposal.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.507 FOR 20.12.2017.

List of **39 Indian Ocean countries** identified under Project Mausam:

1	Bahrain
2	Bangladesh
3	Cambodia
4	China
5	Comoros
6	Egypt
7	Eritrea
8	Réunion, French Department
9	Indonesia
10	Iraq
11	Iran (Islamic Republic)
12	Jordan
13	Kuwait
14	Kenya
15	Lebanon
16	Madagascar
17	Malaysia
18	Maldives
19	Mauritius
20	Mozambique
21	Myanmar
22	Oman
23	Pakistan
24	Philippines
25	Qatar
26	Singapore
27	Sri Lanka
28	Saudi Arabia
29	Seychelles
30	Somalia
31	South Africa
32	Sudan
33	Syrian Arab Republic
34	United Republic of Tanzania
35	Thailand
36	Turkey
37	United Arab Emirates
38	Viet Nam
39	Yemen