## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 965 ANSWERED ON 15.12.2022

## **CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE SITES**

## 965. SHRI S. SELVAGANABATHY

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken steps for facilitating the Public Private Partnership (PPP) in conservation of heritage sites and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government is monitoring the progress of conservation projects which are being implemented under PPP mode and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the criteria set up by Government for the private companies which have been entrusted the responsibility of maintaining the historical and heritage sites; and
- (d) whether the said companies are complying with these norms and criteria?

## **ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Government has set up National Culture Fund (NCF) as a Trust in 1996 under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890 with a view to mobilize extra resources through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) towards promoting, protecting and preserving India's cultural heritage.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The progress of all projects approved by the NCF under PPP mode are regularly monitored by the Project Implementation Committee formed for each project.
- (c) A donor/sponsor while making contributions to the NCF may indicate a project including
- & conservation along with any specific location/aspect. As far as conservation of protected
- (d) monuments is concerned it is carried out by ASI only.

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