GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.15** ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023

DATABASE ON ANCIENT SITES

15. SHRI JUGALSINH LOKHANDWALA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether State-wise information on ancient plots, temples, step-wells etc., existing across the country has been collected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, whether there is any proposal to create such a database?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a)&(b) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) maintains State-wise information of all monuments and sites of national importance including ancient plots, temples, step-wells etc. There are 3696 monuments and sites declared as of national importance under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 in the country. Details are available at <u>https://asi.nic.in</u>
- (c) Question does not arise.
