

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1736#**  
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

**NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE COMPLEX AT LOTHAL**

1736# SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether a plan has been formulated to develop a National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the features of the National Maritime Heritage Complex;
- (c) the details of total funds being spent by Government to develop the complex; and
- (d) the prospects of maritime tourism and employment growth in the region after the development of the complex, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): A master plan for development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat is developed under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways. The major components of the NMHC project include:

- (i) NMHC museum with 14 galleries
- (ii) Lothal Town and Open aquatic gallery
- (iii) Lighthouse Museum
- (iv) Coastal state pavilion
- (v) Recreation of Lothal city
- (vi) Eco resorts and Museuotel
- (vii) Theme based parks etc.

An estimated cost of Rs.573.12 crore has been approved for Phase-1A of the project.

It is expected that once the project is completed a footfall of about 25,000 tourists is estimated per day during the peak days. The project will generate employment, and boost economy of the state through tourism, tax revenues and development of allied infrastructure.

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