

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3705
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Status of Progress of BharatSHRI

3705 Shri Sujeet Kumar:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) the progress made in the establishment of Bharat Shared Repository of Inscriptions (BharatSHRI), including funds allocated and utilized for the initiative:
- (b) whether the target of digitizing one lakh ancient inscriptions in the first phase has been achieved, and if not, the expected timeline for its completion; and
- (c) whether the government plans to launch a second phase for BharatSHRI and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a), (b) and (c) A total of 29,260 estampages have been digitized under the Bharat Shared Repository of Inscriptions (BharatSHRI) initiative. A sum of Rs.1,59,93,664/- only (Rupees One Crore, FiftyNine Lakhs Ninety Three Thousands Six Hundreds Sixty Four only) has been incurred for this project under the regular budget allocation to the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

The digitization work is presently held-up due to matter being sub-judice.
