GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2762 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2017

EXISTENCE OF SARASWATI RIVER

† 2762. SHRI AJYA MISRA TENI : SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made for the rejuvenation of Saraswati river which was of religious, social and environmental significance in Indian culture and is now considered to have become extinct:
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that evidences have been found regarding the under ground existence of saraswati river in the Saurashtra-Kutch stretch of Gujarat; and
- (d) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government for making use of the water to make up the shortage of water in Saurashtra-Kutch stretch of Gujarat, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) No such efforts are being made by the Archaeological Survey of India for the rejuvenation of Saraswati river.

(b)

(c) No Madam.

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(d)