# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTUE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2112 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.1.2018

## GEO-TAGGING OF HERITAGE SITES IN MAHARASHTRA

2112. SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to geo-tag hundreds of historical and heritage sites in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for conservation of historical and heritage sites of Maharashtra in order to promote and protect the culture and heritage of the State?

#### ANSWER

### MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a)&(b) There are 285 monuments / sites in Maharashtra, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Remote Sensing Centre (NASA)/ Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for preparation of satellite based maps by geo-tagging them and also indicating protected, prohibited and regulated areas.
- (c) The protected monuments / sites in Maharashtra are regularly attended for upkeep, maintenance, conservation and preservation including environmental upgradation as per the availability of resources.