

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1566
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5.3.2018

BASIC FACILITIES AT MONUMENTS

+1566. SHRI MANOHAR UTAWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide basic facilities like drinking water, toilets, parking, approach road etc. and guide facility to the tourists visiting protected monuments, historical temples and world heritage sites in order to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps for beautification of pilgrimage sites located in tribal dominated areas of Madhya Pradesh besides providing basic facilities at such places and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) to (c) Tourist facilities are provided as per the requirement and feasibility at the different monuments / sites of national importance which also includes World Heritage properties in the country including Madhya Pradesh. Further, amenities like drinking water, toilets are provided at all ticketed and World Heritage Monuments. The Archaeological Survey of India has identified 100 monuments as Adarsh Smarak for upgradation of existing amenities and for providing additional facilities like Wi-Fi, cafeteria, interpretation centre, brail signage, modern toilets etc. on the basis of actual requirement and feasibility on case to case basis. Providing such facilities and upgrading is a regular phenomenon.