

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3721
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2018**

PROJECTS OF CULTURAL IMPORTANCE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3721: SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- a) the projects or schemes that the Ministry of Culture has undertaken in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;**
- b) whether the Government is aware that there are many sites of cultural importance in the district of Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh; and**
- c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/being taken for their development?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR
ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

(DR MAHESH SHARMA)

(a): Ministry of Culture has a number of Schemes formulated for promotion and preservation of various art forms and culture in the country. The Ministry, however, does not have any State specific scheme for promotion of art forms and culture. Ministry of Culture has provided funds for (a) setting up of Model Library to State Regional Library, Guntur and to Regional Library, Rajmundry under National Mission on Libraries and (b) funds have been provided for setting up of Padamshree Kalluri Subbarao Memorial District Archaeological Museum, Anantpur.

(b) & (c): There are five centrally protected monuments located in the district of Srikakulam of Andhra Pradesh, namely (i) Mukhalingeshwara, Bhimeswara Temple, Mukhalingam, (ii) Sri Someshwara Temple, Mukhalingam, (iii) Ancient Buddhist site at Kalingapatnam, (iv) Buddhist remains on the hill, Salihundam, (v) Eastern portion of

Salihundam hill containing Buddhist remains, Salihundam. Regular maintenance, preservation and conservation works of protected monuments of Archaeological Survey of India in Srikakulam district is undertaken as per the availability of funds and manpower.