

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1994  
ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ICONIC SITES**

**1994. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government plans to come out with a list of iconic sites visited by the tourists in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government to develop these iconic sites and the time frame within which the project is likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

**(a) to (c): Pursuant to Budget Announcements of 2018-19, Ministry of Tourism has identified following 17 sites in 12 clusters in the country for development under Iconic Tourist Sites Development Project: Uttar Pradesh- Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri; Maharashtra- Ajanta & Ellora; Delhi- Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort & Qutub Minar; Goa- Colva beach; Rajasthan- Amer Fort; Gujarat- Somnath & Dholavira; Madhya Pradesh- Khajuraho; Karnataka- Hampi; Tamil Nadu- Mahabalipuram; Assam- Kaziranga; Kerala- Kumarakom; Bihar- Mahabodhi.**

**The development of Iconic Tourist Destinations is being implemented under the ongoing Swadesh Darshan Scheme of Ministry of Tourism. There is no separate allocation of funds for this project.**

**The Ministry is in the process of appointment of consultants for developing the Master plan and shelf of projects for above sites. The timeframe for the project will be finalized only after the identification of shelf of projects.**

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