

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3069
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

PROJECT MAUSAM

3069. SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

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

- (a) the salient features of Project Mausam along with the details of the countries with which the Government is trying to revive historic maritime cultural and economic ties under this project;
- (b) whether the Government is implementing an action plan for achieving a World Heritage Transnational nomination for “India Ocean Maritime Routes”;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of its implementation; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated and utilised for this project during 2017-18 and the first three months of 2018-19?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Project ‘Mausam’ is the initiative of Ministry of Culture to be implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as the nodal agency with research support of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum as associate bodies. This project aims to explore the multi-faceted Indian Ocean ‘world’ – collating archaeological and historical research in order to document the diversity of cultural, commercial and religious interactions in the Indian Ocean. The main objective of the project is to inscribe places and sites identified under Project Mausam as trans-national nomination for inscription on UNESCO’s World Heritage List. The list of 39 countries identified under Project Mausam is given in **Annexure-A**.

- (b)&(c) Yes Madam, Action Plan for the year 2018-19 and 2019-20 has been initiated which includes certain activities such as holding an international workshop, event at UNESCO HQ, Creation of web platform, regional training programme and tentative list preparation for the Trans border nomination.
- (d) An amount of Rs 60,039,297/- (i.e 2,80,95,532 for 2018-19 and Rs 3,19,43,765 for year 2019-20) has been approved and allocated for Project Mausam. Expenditure for the project during 2017-18 and first three months of 2018-19 is Rs. 16,75,614.

ANNEXURE-A

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3069

List of **39 Indian Ocean countries** identified under Project Mausam:

1	Bahrain
2	Bangladesh
3	Cambodia
4	China
5	Comoros
6	Egypt
7	Eritrea
8	Réunion, French Department
9	Indonesia
10	Iraq
11	Iran (Islamic Republic)
12	Jordan
13	Kuwait
14	Kenya
15	Lebanon
16	Madagascar
17	Malaysia
18	Maldives
19	Mauritius
20	Mozambique
21	Myanmar
22	Oman
23	Pakistan
24	Philippines
25	Qatar
26	Singapore
27	Sri Lanka
28	Saudi Arabia
29	Seychelles
30	Somalia
31	South Africa
32	Sudan
33	Syrian Arab Republic
34	United Republic of Tanzania
35	Thailand
36	Turkey
37	United Arab Emirates
38	Viet Nam

39	Yemen
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