

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1005
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018

PROJECT MAUSAM

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

- (a) the salient features of Project 'Mausam' along with its present status;
- (b) the details of the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the project, since its inception, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the number of States/countries involved in the project at present;
- (d) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame for the said; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements made so far and its response with the other countries?

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.

- b) SFC primarily approved a fund allocation of Rs 15,244,5021/- for the period of 2015-17, out of which Rs. 42,08,341/- has been utilized. Further, the duration of the project has been extended up to 2020 with the pre-approved fund of Rs 60,039,297/-.
- c) The list of 39 countries identified under Project Mausam is given in **Annexure-I**.
- d) There is no specific time-frame fixed for the project.
- e) The details of achievement made so far are as follows:-
- (i) A publication titled *Mausam: Maritime cultural landscapes across the Indian Ocean*; edited by Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray
 - (ii) Nineteen lectures were held on various themes related to project Mausam- which could now be taken up for publication. **(Annexure-II)**
 - (iii) An exhibition on “Africans in India: A rediscovery” in the IGNCA (October- November, 2014)
 - (iv) One day Conference on “Africans in India: A rediscovery” in the IGNCA on 15-10-2014
 - (v) National conference on the theme “Cultural landscapes and maritime trade routes of India” under project Mausam was organised by ASI and Kerala Tourism on 17-19 November, 2014 at Kochi, Kerala- in which the IGNCA also participated
 - (vi) Exhibition on “Unearthing Pattanam: Histories, Cultures and Crossings” at National Museum (28-11-2014)
 - (vii) Conference on “the making of the Indian Subcontinent: Indian ocean perspective” at National Museum (7-8 January, 2015)
 - (viii) An international conference on “Maritime routes and cultural landscapes” was held by ASI and the IGNCA on 16-02-2016 at Kancheri Caves, Mumbai.
 - (ix) Symposium on “Maritime culture of India and its potential” on 28-01-2017

- (x) Conference on Maritime Traditions of the Indian and Pacific Oceans at Kochi, Kerala (22-24 March, 2018)
- (xi) Brainstorming session for creation of a database of Coastal sites on 18-06-2018 in the IGNCA at New Delhi.
- (xii) Director, World Heritage visited Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam 18 to 25 March, 2016 to explore possibilities of collaboration under Project Mausam.
- (xiii) Indian Mission in these countries have been requested to identify appropriate authority / expert / resource person for dialogue. Seminar and academics have been taken in IGNCA.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1005

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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Annexure-II

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S. No.	Title of Lecture	Name of the Speaker	Date	Venue
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1.	The Coastal Sites: Possible Port Towns of the Harappan Period in Gujarat	Dr. Y.S. Rawat, Director, Gujarat State Department of Archaeology.	25th April 2014	Conference Room I, India International Centre, New Delhi
2.	Commerce and the Cult of Khizr: The Sacred Geography of Healing in the Indian Ocean World	Prof. Lauren Minsky, New York University, Abu Dhabi	16th May 2014	Conference Room 1, India International Centre, New Delhi
3.	Neglected and Forgotten: Indo-European Defense Architecture in North Konkan (1510 - 1818 A.D.) with special reference to the Vasai and Revdanda Forts	Sh. Mayur Babulal Thakare, Circle Officer Former Competent Authority Office (For Archaeological Survey of India, Mumbai Circle)	4th June 2014	Conference Room 1, India International Centre, New Delhi
4.	Stupa at Amaravati Great in coastal Andhra and the Indian Ocean World	Dr. Akira Shimada, State University of New York, New Paltz	31st July 2014	Conference Room 1, India International Centre, New Delhi
5.	Stallions of the Indian Ocean: Global Horse Trade in 16th Century Vijayanagara	Dr. Srinivas Reddy, Asstt. Professor, South Asian Studies, IIT – Gandhinagar	22nd September 2014	Lecture Room, IGNSA, New Delhi
6.	Early Globalization in the Indian Ocean World	Prof. Abdulaziz Lodi	29th October 2014	Lecture Room, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

7.	"Maritime Trade and Cultural Exchanges in the Indian Ocean : India and Sri Lanka"	Dr. Osmund Boparachchi, Numismatics and Archaeology Expert in the Indian Ocean Region under Mausam Project Lecture Series	30th December 2014	Lecture Room, 11, Mansingh Road, IGNCA, New Delhi. Time :
8.	Emporiums of Indian Ocean Trade, witnessed by the Java Sea Shipwrecks of the 9th and 10th Centuries	Dr. John Guy, South and Southeast Asia, Department of Asian Art, Metropolitan Museum of Art under Mausam Project Lecture Series	9th February 2015	Auditorium, C.V.Mess, IGNCA, New Delhi - 110001
9.	Climate Change and the Oceans	Shri S.W.A. Naqvi, Director, National Institute of Oceanography, Goa	25th February 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, Ground Floor, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi
10.	In Pursuit of the Parsis: The discovery and excavations at the Early Medieval entrepôt of Sanjan	Dr. Kurush Dalal, Director Chandore Excavations, Centre for Archaeology, University of Mumbai	29th March 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, Ground Floor, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi
11.	Role of Past Sea Level Fluctuations in Shaping the Destiny of Ancient coastal cities:Lessons for the Future	Dr. Rajiv Nigam, Senior Scientist, NIO, Goa	10th May 2016	Lecture Room, 11 Man Singh Road, New Delhi
12.	Trading in Stories	Ms. Sumedha Verma Ojha(LSR Alumna, Author and Speaker on Ancient Indian	24th May 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, 11 Man Singh Road, New Delhi

		History, Religion and Philosophy)		
13.	Cunningham's Lost Treasures	Dr. Sanjay Garg, Deputy Director, National Archives, New Delhi.	31st May 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, 11 Man Singh Road, New Delhi
14.	Sailing the Indian Ocean: The Seafarers of Kachchh	Dr. Chhaya Goswami, Mumbai	22nd June 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, 11 Man Singh Road, New Delhi
15.	Impact of Bharat on Business of Countries around Hind Mahasagar	Shri Sandeep Singh	25th July 2016	IGNCA Lecture Room, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi.
16.	Dhow Trade from Western India: Past and Present	Dr. Nidhi Mahajan, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, California State University - Santa Cruz, U.S. A.	24th October 2017	IGNCA, Lecture Hall, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110 011
17.	Land Routes to Sea Trade of Kushans	Dr. B.R. Mani	19 th March, 2018	IGNCA, Lecture Hall, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110 011
18.	Boat making in the Malabar	Prof. K.S. Mathew	18 th June, 2018	IGNCA, Lecture Hall, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110 011
19.	Monsoon Winds and Maritime Trade		19 th June, 2018	IGNCA, Lecture Hall, 11, Mansingh Road, New Delhi - 110 011

