

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019

IDENTIFICATION OF HERITAGE SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADATION

419. SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of heritage sites identified by the Government for overall development from tourism point of view and the substantial amount of work which has been undertaken so far, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government plans to revive all the identified heritage sites and also take up further upgradation of all such sites and if so, the details thereof including the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) whether the Government had identified any of the heritage sites from Gujarat, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India is responsible for protection, conservation and maintenance of 3691 monuments, archaeological sites and remains declared as of national importance in the country which is a continuous process, where essential work is executed as per the requirements of different sites and availability of resources and over all they are in good state of preservation. Further, besides conservation and maintenance of monuments, archaeological sites and remains, providing basic facilities/amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak rooms, etc.) to the tourists visiting centrally protected monuments/sites are regular activities which the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes, as per needs and resources. Improvement and upgradation of these public amenities is a continuous process.
- (b)&(c) There are no such plan for revival of protected monuments as conservation work on them is executed as per archaeological norms and principle where main requirement is maintaining its originality, authenticity and integrity. There are 215 [including 12 in Daman & Diu (UT)] number of protected monuments/sites of Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat. The essential conservation work and tourist amenities of these monuments are also attended.

