GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1692 ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

REVAMPING OF MONUMENT MITRA SCHEME

1692. SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering revamping the Monument Mitra scheme to enable private firms to partner for the upkeep of 1,000 Archaeological Survey of India monuments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is considering signing Memorandum of Understanding with private partners for at least 500 sites under the revamped Monument Mitra scheme by August 15, 2023; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b): Ministry of Culture has decided to revamp the old Monument Mitra Scheme as Adopt a Heritage 2.0 aiming to provide, develop and maintain amenities and infrastructure to enhance visitors experience at Centrally Protected Monuments/Sites.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Culture has also conveyed that Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) depends on interest shown by corporate sectors those come forward as Monument Mitra. However, it is envisaged that the quantum of MoUs is likely to increase with the active participation of the corporate sectors.
