

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1908
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023

MoU BETWEEN ASI AND ISRO

1908. DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of historical and heritage sites in Maharashtra;
- (b) the number of monuments in Maharashtra where Archaeological Survey of India has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with National Remote Sensing Centre/ISRO for preparation of satellite based maps by geo-tagging them; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government for conservation of historical and heritage sites of Maharashtra in order to promote and protect the culture and heritage of the State?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) 286 monuments and sites are declared as of national importance in the State of Maharashtra.
- (b) Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for indicating protected, prohibited and regulated area on satellite maps covers all centrally protected monuments and sites.
- (c) Conservation, preservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments and sites is taken up as per the requirement, priority and availability of resources, which is a continuous phenomenon. Further, basic amenities and facilities like drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards, signage, parking, cloak rooms, etc. are provided to the tourists visiting these monuments. Improvement and upgradation of these public amenities is a continuous process.
