

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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DIGITISATION OF CULTURAL ARTIFACTS IN RAJASTHAN

33. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented any policy for promoting the digitization of cultural artifacts and historical records in the State of Rajasthan to make them more accessible to a wider audience and to ensure their long-term preservation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to forge collaborations with foreign academic and research institutions, as well as laboratories specializing in conservation and archaeology to access the latest domain specific research findings and innovative techniques for restoration practices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Government has established National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) in 2007 &
- (b) to prepare two national registers on monuments and antiquities from all across the country. The documented data is published at the NMMA website: <http://nmma.nic.in> which is beneficial to the public including students, college, researchers, administrative personnel etc. This scheme is open for whole country, including for Rajasthan
- (c) Yes, Sir. Government through Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) is planning to forge &
- (d) collaborations with foreign academic and research institutions, as well as laboratories with specialisation in Conservation to access the latest domain specific research findings and innovative techniques for restoration practices. The ASI has already collaborated with foreign institutes like University of Ca' Foscari, Venice & ICR, Italy.

In the field Archaeology, as of now, there is no collaboration in place with foreign academic and research institutions. However, the ASI has signed an MoU with the IIT, Gandhinagar for “Strengthening and Supporting the Archaeological Sciences Centre” established at IIT Gandhinagar for material analysis and characterisestics, advanced aids in documentation and condition mapping of archaeological sites and heritage structures, study of heritage structures in terms of structural stability, seismic vulnerability, etc., dating techniques for material analysis and studies of palaeoenvironment, archaeology and archaeoseismology.
