# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE

### LOK SABHA

# **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 72**

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### DIGITAL MAPPING OF ANCIENT PROTECTED MONUMENTS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is keen on usage of Digital Twin technology and Virtual Reality technology for digital mapping of ancient protected monuments and the steps taken by the Government for the digital mapping of ancient protected monuments and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has constituted any expert committee with regard to the introduction and usage of latest technologies and for allocating funds to the same; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof;

### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in technical collaboration with Bhaskaracharya
- to Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG) has launched a mobile
- (c) application 'Indian Heritage' in Sept 2023 containing information on protected monuments/areas with textual content and aided by interactive digital maps. The first phase that has been launched incorporates 143 ticketed monuments with the ASI.

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