

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.11.2019

HERITAGE SITES IDENTIFIED FOR UPGRADATION

1181. SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of heritage sites State/ UT-wise identified by the Government for overall development for Tourism point of view and where substantial amount of work had since been undertaken and the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government plans to revive all the identified heritage sites and also to 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;
- (c) whether the Government had included any of the heritage site from Bihar; and
- (d) 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)to(d) 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 70 number of protected monuments/sites of Archaeological Survey of India in Bihar. The essential conservation work and tourist amenities of these monuments are also attended