

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3491
ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020**

**IDENTIFICATION OF TOURIST SITES TO DEVELOP INTO ICONIC
TOURIST SITES**

3491. SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government in 2018 had identified certain prominent tourist sites of international acclaim for development of infrastructure;**
- (b) if so, the present status of work on each of the identified site; and**
- (c) the fresh steps taken by the Government to transform all the identified sites into iconic tourist sites of global standards?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): Pursuant to the Budget Announcements of year 2018-19 and year 2019-20, Ministry of Tourism has identified 17 sites in 12 clusters in the country for development as Iconic Tourist Sites namely Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort & Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath & Dholavira (Gujarat), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kaziranga (Assam), Kumarakom (Kerala) and Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).

The aim of the scheme is to develop the above sites in a holistic manner with focus on issues concerning connectivity to the destination, better facilities/experience for the tourists at the site, skill development, involvement of local community, promotion & branding and by bringing private investment. The development of Iconic Tourist sites scheme is at the approval stage.
