GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2782
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2021

NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE COMPLEX (NMHC)

2782. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:
SHRI M.V.V. SATYANARAYANA:

Will the Minister of PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS be pleased to state:

पत्तन, पोत परिवहन और जलमार्ग मंत्री

(a)   whether the Government has signed an MoU with the Ministry of Culture for the development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat;

(b)   whether the NMHC would be developed as an international tourist destination to showcase the maritime heritage of India;

(c)   if so, the details thereof;

(d)   whether the other coastal States in the country will get an opportunity to display their maritime culture in this complex; and

(e)   if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF PORTS, SHIPPING AND WATERWAYS
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

(a)   Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) and Ministry of Culture (MoC) for 'Cooperation in Development of National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat', on 16th June 2021.

(b)& (c) Yes, Sir. NMHC is proposed to be developed as a world class international tourist destination, the first of its kind in the country, comprising of maritime museum, light house museum, maritime theme parks, amusement parks centres, etc. It would showcase maritime heritage of the country from ancient to modern times by adopting an edutainment approach using the latest technology to spread awareness about India's maritime heritage.

(d)& (e) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to have a pavilion for each coastal State and Union Territory (UT) of India at NMHC to showcase the artefacts/maritime heritage of the specific States and Union Territories. Each coastal State and UT can present its vivid cultural identities including both tangible and intangible heritage at NMHC and represent India's cultural diversity at international level.

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