

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3960
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.3.2022

SIGNBOARDS IN LOCAL LANGUAGES

3960. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
MS, DEBASREE CHAUDHURI:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) monuments which have boards in local languages;
- (b) the new Indian languages which have been introduced on the boards of ASI sites;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to increase the number of Indian languages on the signboards of ASI monuments;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (e) whether there is any plan to make the information available digitally for tourists and visitors and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 3693 Centrally Protected Monuments/ Sites across the country. Signage & in Hindi and English are provided at most of the monuments including World
- (b) Heritage properties, ticketed monuments and other monuments which are visited by tourists. Local languages used on signages include Assamese, Bengali, Bodhi, Dimasa, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, etc. on regional basis.
- (c) Since resources have to be used intelligently, we don't propose to use and increase & the boards in other languages other than that of States.
- (d)
- (e) Yes, Sir. A mobile App has been prepared to provide information on all Centrally Protected Monuments, in multiple languages.
