

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5194
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022

PRESERVATION AND BEAUTIFICATION OF ANCIENT CAVES IN NORTH MUMBAI

5194. SHRI GOPAL CHINNAYA SHETTY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken or proposes to take any steps to develop, preserve and beautify the most ancient religious caves in the country, including the Mandapeshwar caves located in Borivali, Dahisar suburb of North Mumbai Parliamentary Constituency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also received requests from public representatives in this regard in March, 2022;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the updated status thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has taken up steps to & develop, preserve and beautify all 3693 centrally protected monuments,
- (b) including Mandapeshwar caves located in Borivali of North Mumbai, in the country.
- (c) Yes, Sir. A request has been received from Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri to Gopal Chinnaya Shetty regarding development of the Mandapeshwar caves,
- (e) Borivali, Dahisar suburb of North Mumbai. The ASI has initiated steps for the beautification & development of the Mandapeshwar Caves for the financial year 2022-23.