

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2341
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.8.2016
SHRAVANA 10, 1938 (SAKA)

PROJECT MAUSAM

2341. DR. SHASHI THAROOR:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of Project Mausam specifically, the work towards the nomination of Maritime Cultural Routes, the creation of a comprehensive database with a UNESCO web platform on Maritime Cultural Landscapes and Routes and linking UNESCO cultural conventions with the World Heritage convention;
- (b) the details thereof;
- (c) the work done with regard to the increased research and understanding of the importance of the State of Kerala as a timeless and vital component of Indian Ocean trade; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Project Mausam, an initiative of the Government of India, is a concept that aims to deal with the notion of monsoon winds that has led to develop trade and
- (d) cultural contact amongst countries along the Indian Ocean Rim (List of countries is at Annexure I). The Government is mandated with the task of collecting the data and research inputs and to develop implementation strategy in collaboration with various identified state parties for Project Mausam. A series of workshops, including one at Kochi, Kerala and an exhibition have been organised in this regard. The research so far outlines importance of various Indian States, including Kerala that established vital trade and cultural links with other countries along the Indian Ocean Rim.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2341 FOR 01.08.2016.

List of **39 Indian Ocean countries** identified under Project Mausam:

1	Bahrain
2	Bangladesh
3	Cambodia
4	China
5	Comoros
6	Egypt
7	Eritrea
8	Réunion, French Department
9	Indonesia
10	Iraq
11	Iran (Islamic Republic)
12	Jordan
13	Kuwait
14	Kenya
15	Lebanon
16	Madagascar
17	Malaysia
18	Maldives
19	Mauritius
20	Mozambique
21	Myanmar
22	Oman
23	Pakistan
24	Philippines
25	Qatar
26	Singapore
27	Sri Lanka
28	Saudi Arabia
29	Seychelles
30	Somalia
31	South Africa
32	Sudan
33	Syrian Arab Republic
34	United Republic of Tanzania
35	Thailand
36	Turkey
37	United Arab Emirates
38	Viet Nam
39	Yemen