

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. ‡2449
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2026

CONSERVATION OF ROCK CARVINGS

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any special scheme for the conservation, promotion, and documentation of rock carvings (petroglyphs) located in various areas of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to take special steps for the conservation of petroglyphs;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to announce any special tourism package to boost tourism in the Konkan region; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes conservation and maintenance of centrally protected monuments and archaeological sites on a regular basis under its annual conservation plan, based on the requirement of the site and availability of resources. Since there are no petroglyphs under the protection of ASI, no separate scheme for their conservation, promotion and documentation is under consideration.
- (d) The Ministry of Tourism promotes diverse tourist destinations and experiences including & Rock carvings, heritage sites in the country through various initiatives in domestic and international markets. The promotion is carried out through organizing and participating in travel events and exhibitions; providing assistance to State Governments for organizing fairs and festivals; inviting influencers, tour operators, journalists and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry; various outreach

activities through website and social media; promotions in association with the State Governments and the overseas Indian Missions etc.
