

States desirous of setting up a Science City under the Science Cities Scheme have to provide land, share the cost of setting up of facilities and corpus for upkeep and maintenance, and meet other commitments as per norms of the Scheme.

Proposals have been received from Governments of Bihar, Karnataka, Haryana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh to set up Science Cities.

The Scheme does not specify any time limit for setting up of Science Cities in all States/Union Territories. In case of approved projects, the time frame for completion of the project as per the Scheme is about 54 months from the date of start of the project.

#### **Survey of historical places in Gujarat**

2260. SHRI SHANKARBHAI N. VEGAD: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plans for survey of historical places in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Under the village to village survey scheme, survey of antiquarian and archaeological remains are being under taken by the Archaeological Survey of India in Gujarat.

(b) Vadodara Circle, Vadodara of Archaeological Survey of India has carried out survey in 125 villages of Halol and Kalol talukas of Panchmahal district, Gujarat during last three seasons and in 76 villages archaeological remains, such as, Vav, wells, secular and religious structures, hero-stones, sculptures of deities etc. have been reported.

#### **Inclusion of cities in world heritage list**

2261. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any steps for inclusion of various Indian cities in UNESCO's World Heritage List;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of those cities along with the criteria adopted by UNESCO;

(c) whether Government has submitted all necessary information to UNESCO regarding the matter; and