

Mega plan for cultural development

178* SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of CULTURE be please to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has chalked out ₹ 27000 crores for mega plan starting this year;
- (b) if so, the aims and objectives of this mega plan;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Hampi is also a part of this mega plan, if so, the details of blueprint prepared for Hampi; and
- (d) the details of the other areas that the Ministry is focussing on under the above plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) During the deliberation of the 15th Finance Commission, this Ministry has proposed to undertake various activities involving preservation and conservation of ancient cultural heritage and promotion of tangible and intangible art and culture through its attached/subordinate offices and other Autonomous Bodies/ Schemes. To undertake these activities, Ministry has proposed a financial assistance of about ₹ 29149.79 crore for the period 2021 to 2026 to the 15th Finance Commission. However, commission's report is yet to be finalized. As of now, there is no specific plan proposed for Hampi. The activities of the Ministry are spread throughout the country.

National mission on monuments and antiquities

†179. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Mission on monuments and antiquities has been launched by the Government with the objective of promoting cultural awareness among people through conservation of heritage places, and training is provided in Non- Government Organisations and universities under this mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether a drive to promote cultural awareness among the people through

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conservation of heritage places is being undertaken in the Mithila region of Bihar under the National Mission on monuments and antiquities, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government has launched a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) with the objective of promoting cultural awareness among people through conservation of heritage places, and was initially approved for a period of 5 years *i.e.* 2007-12 in the XI Five Year Plan with the objective to prepare a National database on Built Heritage and Sites and antiquities. Later, it was extended up to 2017. Now, it is running as a section of Archaeological Survey of India. National Mission on monuments and antiquities was launched with a mandate to promote awareness and sensitize people concerning the benefits of preserving the historical and cultural aspects of built heritage, sites and antiquities and to extend training facility to the concerned State Departments, NGOs, Universities, Museums etc.

(c) No Sir, National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities is not promoting cultural awareness among the people for conservation of heritage places particularly in Mithila region of Bihar. However, NMMA has documented antiquities and built heritage and sites from all over the country including Bihar and published the data at its website <http://nmma.nic.in>.

Cultural development in Konkan region

†180. SHRI NARAYAN RANE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any effort or formulated any scheme to promote or develop the culture of districts of Konkan region in Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the quantum of funds provided for promotion or development of culture of districts of Konkan region in Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the details of promotional or developmental works carried out with the said funds in districts of Konkan region in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) To protect, preserve, promote SC develop various forms of folk art

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