

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3071
ANSWERED ON – 23.03.2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF MAUSAM PROJECT

3071 SHRI BHASKAR RAO NEKKANTI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the features of the project “Mausam” along with the present status thereof;
- (b) the details of the funds allotted/ sanctioned and utilized during the past three years under this project specially in Odisha, State/UT-wise and number of States/Countries involved in the project for the past three years;
- (c) whether Government has fixed any time period for this project; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the achievements so far and it’s response with the other States/Countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) Project ‘Mausam’ is the initiative of Ministry of Culture to be implemented by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as the nodal agency with research support of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Museum. This project aims to explore the multi-faceted Indian Ocean ‘world’ – collating archaeological and historical research in order to document the diversity of cultural, commercial and religious interactions in the Indian Ocean. The main objective of the project is to inscribe places and sites identified under Project Mausam as trans-national nomination for inscription on UNESCO’s World Heritage List.

(b)& (c) An allocation of Rs. 150,244,502/- was sanctioned in the year 2014-15 for the project. Project Mausam has now been extended up to 31st March, 2023. Till date Rs. 1,14,68,142/- has been utilized. There is no specific budget allocation made for a particular state. The list of 39 countries identified under Project Mausam is given at **Annexure-I**.

(d) (i) Indian Missions in the 39 countries have approached local authorities and several countries including the following, have nominated their resource persons for the Project Mausam: -

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Indonesia, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, Malaysia, The Islamic republic of Iran, UAE, Myanmar, Philippines and Jordan.

(ii) It is proposed to hold an international conference with these experts on the next steps forward.

(iii) It is proposed to prepare two transnational nominations namely, (a) Routes followed by the Cholas in the Southeast Asia region and; (b) Spread of Buddhism through land and sea routes in the South and Southeast Asian region (those countries that are a part of Project Mausam).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3071 FOR 23.3.2021

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
