

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.170
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2022

PROTECTION OF HERITAGE SITES IN MAHARASHTRA

170 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of Culture be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has made any attempt to identify ancient forts, heritage sites and archaeological sites in Maharashtra for declaration to be of national importance in last three years;
- (b) whether augmentation of technical posts in different categories through new creation and filling of vacant posts has accelerated the process of exploration and detailed examination of potential heritage properties during 2021-22 in Maharashtra and other States; and
- (c) if so, number of new forts, monuments and ancient sites that have been identified during 2020-21 for declaration to be of national importance in Maharashtra and other States to save them from further damage?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes Sir. Conducting Survey/exploration to identify/locate ancient sites monuments or forts is a regular exercise carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India.
- (b) Yes Sir.
- (c) There is no new addition during the year 2020-21 in the list of monuments/sites/forts identified for declaring them to be of National Importance.
