

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*117
ANSWERED ON 01.08.2024

PRESERVING KOZHIKODE'S CULTURAL IMPORTANCE

*117. SHRI HARIS BEERAN

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether, in view of Kozhikode in north Kerala officially being declared as India's first UNESCO 'City of Literature, and having earned a place in the 'Literature' category of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in October, 2023, Government plans any infrastructural and cultural projects for the city; and
- (b) whether Government has any plan to provide special attention to preserve the city's cultural importance?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE& TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the table of the House

Statement referred in reply to part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Starred Question no. *117 for reply on 01.08.2024 regarding Preserving Kozhikode's Cultural Importance asked by Shri Haris Beeran

(a) & (b) UNESCO's Creative Cities Network is a city sponsored initiative and its objectives are to be implemented by the concerned city itself after joining the network.

The Ministry of Culture assists the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) in issuing an endorsement letter to the applicant cities, which is required to complete the application file for joining the UNESCO's Creative Cities Network.
