

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of heritage sites in Karnataka;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the heritage sites and historic Belur and Halebid temples in Karnataka in collaboration with the private sector under the National Cultural Fund;
- (c) if so, the amount spent or proposed to be spent under the National Cultural Fund during 2000-2001; and
- (d) the amount spent on Hampi ruins under the National Cultural Fund during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

- (a) : There are altogether 503 Protected Monuments in Karnataka.
- (b) to (d) : The National Culture Fund Projects are undertaken in partnership with communities and corporate bodies. The contribution made to National Culture Fund is exempted from Income Tax. The projects are identified in consultation with the partners and funded out of the contributions made by them. An MOU was signed between National Culture Fund and Archeological Survey of India and Indian Oil Foundation on 30.03.2001 for development of World Heritage Site at Hampi. There is no proposal for any other site in Karnataka as of now.