

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

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DEVELOPMENT OF SITES AND PLACES DEPICTING INDIAN CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development of sites and places depicting Indian culture and civilization;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance provided to the State Governments/UTs under the scheme during each of the last three years, state/UT-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b) and (c): Under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, the Archaeological Survey of India looks after the maintenance and preservation of protected monuments, which are 3667 in number at present and depict Indian culture and civilization. Besides, a National Mission for Monuments and Antiquities is also being set up, which will undertake steps for better management of unproduced heritage sites and antiquities.