

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2513

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CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE CHARACTER OF VARANASI CITY

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to conserve the heritage character of the holy city of Varanasi with a view to secure country's first world heritage city;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed in this regard with certain international agencies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to declare more ancient cities as a heritage city; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) No, Sir.
- (f) Does not arise.