

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FAILURE IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether National Mission for Monuments and Antiquities Project failed to achieve the desired objectives;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is making any inventory of heritage buildings and objects in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to preserve /conserve the same?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): No Madam. National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was launched in 2007 with the primary objective to prepare a National register on built heritage and sites from published and unpublished secondary sources available with different organizations and institutions. The documentation of antiquities is undertaken through the primary data available from Central Government and various State Governments, Universities, Local / Private Museums etc., in the template prepared by the NMMA. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is the nodal agency for the purpose. The prescribed time limit for the work is 5 years.

To build a credible National database, the NMMA has prepared two templates on built heritage & sites and antiquities. About 80,000 unprotected built heritage and sites have been documented in the prescribed format from secondary sources. About 2,00,000 antiquities from different sources have also been documented in the prescribed format as on July 2010.

(e): The centrally protected monuments are being maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) as per archaeological norms and principles and they are in good state of preservation.