

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4707  
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CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS  
Bajwa Shri Partap Singh

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

- a. whether any national mission has been/is being launched for documentation and conservation of monuments not protected by Archaeological Survey of India;
- b. if so, the details thereof and;
- c. the steps being taken for preservation of such monuments and development of selected monuments in different regions of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) &(b) Yes sir. The National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was launched in 2007 with the objective to document the built heritage, sites and antiquities from secondary sources for a period of five years.

(c) The preservation of monuments does not come under the purview of NMMA. This is done by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Conservation, preservation and environmental development of the centrally protected monuments is a continuous process depending upon their need and resources available.