

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to constitute a special Commission to conserve the unprotected national monuments and sites in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to set up an Indian Institute of Arts and Culture for conserving the heritage sites of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to launch a Cultural Heritage Young Leadership Programme to create awareness amongst the school and college students regarding the cultural heritage of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Central Government has introduced a Bill to constitute a National Commission for Heritage Sites, for making recommendation to the Central and State Governments, on short and long term policies in respect of conservation, protection and management of heritage sites; lay down standards for development of scientific and technical institutions and courses offered by them for preservation and presentation of heritage sites; formulate guidelines for conservation and management of heritage sites; conduct studies and research for identification and categorization of heritage sites; identification and recommendation to the Central and State Governments suitable measures and methods for conserving and integrating intangible cultural systems with the conservation and management of the heritage sites; publish periodically heritage maps prepared on the basis of the results of studies and research; make a list of heritage sites for nomination to the World Heritage Sites list of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization; make recommendations to the Central Government or State Government on any matter relating to heritage as may be referred to it by that Government; make periodical reports to the Central Government on any matter relating to heritage sites; and maintain the heritage sites roster containing the description of the heritage sites.

(c)&(d) There is no proposal under the consideration for such an Institution.

(e)&(f) No such exclusive scheme is under formulation with the Archaeological Survey of India. However, ASI organizes cultural awareness programmes to create awareness amongst the students of schools and colleges on regular basis. Special lectures, drawing and painting competitions, conducted tours, heritage walks and variety of interesting programmes are organized at the monuments, periodically.