

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD HERITAGE SITE
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Badami, Aihole, Pattadakal monuments dating back to 8th Century of Chalukyas period have unique rich cultural heritage to the international standards of world heritage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps for declaring it as a world heritage site;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the funds earmarked for its development in the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (f) the proposal from the State Government or any other agency in this regard;
- (g) whether there is a joint venture partnership programme for developing the site; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Badami played a significant role in the historical scenario of Karnataka since it remained a stronghold of Pallavas, Chalukyas and other indigenous rulers.

Aihole, the cradle of ancient Indian architecture, attained eminence as a flourishing center during 7th century AD under the Chalukyas.

Pattadakal was a great centre of Chalukyan art and architecture and it also served as a great centre of historical, religious and cultural activities.

(c) The group of monuments at Pattadakal has already been inscribed on the & World Heritage List of UNESCO, considering its Outstanding Universal Value

(d) (OUV).

(e) The allocation under the 11th Five Year Plan for the development of the centrally protected monuments is Rs. 650 crores. The expenditure incurred on the monuments at Badami, Aihole and Pattadakal during the first two years of the Plan i.e. 2007-08 and 2008-2009 and allocation made in the current year i.e. 2009-2010 are at the Annexure.

(f) The Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka has proposed various tourism development projects including light and sound show at these sites.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.