

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIAN CULTURE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to protect and maintain places/ sites which are a source of inspiration to the civilisation and culture of the country including Sitamarhi in Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, site-wise;
- (c) whether the history of Indian civilisation and culture has captured the attention and interest of the world;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to preserve relics/remnants of Indian culture and civilization located in foreign countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b) The Archaeological Survey of India conserves, preserves and maintains only those monuments/sites which have been declared as of national importance in the country under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The history of Indian culture remains is always a subject of study matter of scholars from all over the world. Numerous research articles, publications continue to be brought out on Indian culture and civilization and it is a matter of great pride and satisfaction.

(e) With regard to preservation/protection of cultural heritage outside the country, action is taken from time to time under the purview of various International conventions.