

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:88
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2012
UNPROTECTED MONUMENTS
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a.) whether the Government has established the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) to document and prepare a database of the unprotected built heritage and sites in the country;
- (b.) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the unprotected monuments and sites compiled by NMMA so far, State-wise;
- (c.) whether the Government has framed any specific guidelines for preservation and restoration of these monuments and sites;
- (d.) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e.) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART ('a' to 'e') OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 88 FOR 20.03.2012

(a)to(b) National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was launched with the objective to prepare a National database on built heritage and sites from secondary sources. The Mission was approved for the period 2007 – 2012.

The details of the monuments and sites compiled by NMMA so far, State-wise, is at Annexure.

(c)to(e) The Government proposes to enact a new legislation to establish a National Commission on Heritage Sites, which Commission shall, inter-alia, recommend to the Central Government and State Governments on short and long term policies in respect of conservation, protection and management of heritage sites.