

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7572
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HERITAGE CITY STATUS FOR VARANASI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government plans to forward a proposal to the UNESCO for grant of heritage city status to Varanasi; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Presently, Government of India has no such plan to forward a proposal to the UNESCO for grant of heritage city status to Varanasi.
- (b) Question does not arise.