

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL MISSION ON MONUMENTS AND ANTIQUITIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during the XIth Five Year Plan, the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) could document only 80,000 built heritage and sites out of 4 lakh estimated;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay;
- (c) whether steps are being undertaken to ensure that the documentation of the National Database on Built Heritage and Sites and National Database on Antiquities would be completed during the XIth Five Year Plan;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the appropriate measures being taken to preserve and protect the documented monuments?

Answer

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

(a)to(d) Yes Sir. National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was approved for the period 2007 – 2012 in the XI five year plan to prepare a National database on built heritage, sites and antiquities.

The initial years (i.e. 2007 – 2010) were spent in the establishment of office & infrastructure, hiring of contractual staffs, formation of State Level Implementation committee (SLIC), data assessment and devising proper funding mechanism. The continuation of the NMMA in the XII plan has also been proposed.

(e) NMMA was launched with the objective to prepare a National database on built heritage and sites through secondary sources only. Preservation and protection of the monuments and sites is beyond its given mandate.