

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3642  
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DECLARATION AS HERITAGE CITY  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare ancient cities in the country as heritage cities, considering their antiquity, tourism potential, cultural and architectural confluence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating name of cities, proposed for it;
- (c) whether Mysore in Karnataka is also proposed to be declared as a heritage city; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. K. CHIRANJEEVI)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism (MOT) has no such proposal/scheme to declare ancient city as heritage city in the country. However, MOT provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for the development and promotion of tourism infrastructure including Heritage tourism keeping in view of its tourism potential and importance on the basis of proposals received from them subject to availability of funds and inter-se priority in accordance with the Scheme guidelines.