

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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REMNANTS OF INDIAN CULTURE  
Adityanath Shri Yogi

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government is aware that the remains of Indian culture are still available in several countries of South East Asia;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, country-wise; and
- (c) The steps taken/being taken by the Government for the preservation of the remains of Indian culture?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Burma, Cambodia and Laos are the countries in South-East Asia which are known for remains of Indian culture in form of sculptures, temples, stupas and carvings on architectural members.
- (c) Teams of experts from the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) have visited Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam and Myanmar in last three years for the conservation and restoration of monuments. ASI has undertaken restoration and conservation work at Ta Prohm Temple in Cambodia, Vat Phou Temple in Lao PDR and Ananda Temple in Myanmar as part of bi-lateral arrangements.