

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DOCUMENTATION OF ANTIQUITIES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of objects/antiquities available/likely to be uploaded on the websites of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities(NMMA);
- (b) whether the NMMA was launched to complete documentation of seven million antiquities by 2010;
- (c) if so, whether the NMMA has achieved the target set therefor;
- (d) if not, the reason therefor; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to amend the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTRE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) NMMA has documented 8.0 Lac antiquities from different sources. NMMA has uploaded the data of 1,19,793 in the NMMA website till date.
- (b) NMMA was launched for five years from 2007 to 2012 during the XI Five Year Plan to document the antiquities. However, the target was not to complete documentation of seven million antiquities by 2010.
- (c) & (d) The NMMA has been continued for a further period of five year from 2012-2017 in the XII Five Year Plan to complete the tasks assigned to it.
- (e) The amendment to the Antiquities and Art Treasures Act, 1972 is under consideration of the Central Government.