

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HIMALAYAN CULTURAL HERITAGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Himalayan regions are a major attraction for cultural and religious tourism;
- (b) if so, whether special measures are being undertaken for the development of Himalayan cultural heritage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the hill States of the Himalayan regions are consulted in this regard;
- (e) if so, the reaction of the States thereto; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)to(f) Yes, Sir. The monuments/sites protected by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the Himalayan regions are well maintained, conserved and preserved. The ASI has provided tourist amenities like drinking water, toilets, signages, information brochures, wheel chairs, approach pathways, interpretation centres, etc. at these protected monuments in conjunction and consultation with the concerned State Governments. These amenities are reviewed and upgraded from time to time and as per needs.