

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROJECT MAUSAM
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the countries with which the Government proposes to revive historic maritime cultural and economic ties under 'Project Mausam'.
- (b) whether any action has been taken by the Government to implement this proposal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the response from the concerned nations to such an initiative;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated a plan for achieving a World Heritage transnational nomination for 'Indian Ocean Maritime Routes'; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof including the proposal for funding the mission of the nomination?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE & TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) The list of countries with which the Government has proposed to establish cross cultural linkages and to revive historic maritime cultural and economic ties under 'Project Mausam' is given in Annexure I.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Project 'Mausam' was launched in the 30th Session of World Heritage Committee meeting which was held at Doha, Qatar in June, 2014 and since then it has received positive response from countries such as China, UAE, Qatar, Myanmar, Iran and Vietnam. Archaeological Survey of India in collaboration with State Govt. of Kerala organized a National Conference on Project 'Mausam' in Kochi in November 2014. Indira Gandhi National Centre for Art (IGNCA) has constituted an Academic Committee and a temporary research unit in this regard.
- (d) & (e): The Government has formulated action plan for achieving a World Heritage transnational nomination for 'Indian Ocean Maritime Routes'. The Plan envisages joint initiative of India and various member states for implementation of UNESCO Cultural Conventions of World Heritage and Intangible culture. It further promotes joint research and selection of appropriate sites to prepare application of trans-national nomination of Maritime Routes & Coastal Cultural Landscape sites. The Standing Financial Committee (SFC) memorandum is under consideration.