

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MANAGEMENT OF SHIVA TEMPLE

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been included in the International Coordination Committee under UNESCO to oversee the management of the famous Shiva Temple situated on the border of Thailand and Cambodia;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for joining this Committee;

(c) whether the Government also proposed to extend financial assistance for the development of this temple; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes Madam. After decision of the Executive Board of UNESCO to establish an International Coordination Committee (ICC) for Preah Vihar Temple in Cambodia, the Government of Cambodia has extended invitation to Government of India to Co-Chair the International Coordination Committee on the Shiva Temple Preah Vihar alongwith China. The joining of India with ICC for Preah Vihar will further improve relations between two countries.

(c)&(d) No such proposal is there at present.