

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 195
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.06.2019**

NATIONAL MISSION ON MONUMENTS AND ANTIQUITIES

195. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities has been made functional by the Government which aims at promoting cultural awareness among people through protection of heritage sites and under this Mission training are provided by Non-Governmental Organisations, Universities, Research Institutes and Museums;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) whether the activity of promoting cultural awareness among people through protection of heritage sites in Karnataka is going on under the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA) was setup in 2006-07 and is functioning with mandate to document unprotected monuments & sites and antiquities. Besides above NMMA has to promote awareness and sensitize people concerning the benefits of preserving the historical and cultural aspects of built heritage, site and antiquities; extend training facility to the concerned State Departments. NGOs, Universities, Museums and make the common people aware of the importance of countries archaeological heritage.
- (c) No Sir,
As per mandate of NMMA no activity related to protection of heritage site in Karnataka region is going on under NMMA.