

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3135
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PRESERVATION OF HERITAGE VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any special project to preserve cultural heritage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from State Governments for preservation of `heritage villages`.
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Union Government has given any financial assistance to Government of Kerala for implementation of its project titled The Heritage Villages; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) & (b) : The Ministry of Culture supports through its Schemes and Institutions the preservation of cultural heritage of the country. The National Akademies, the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sanghralaya, Bhopal, the National Museum and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts are engaged in preservation of heritage. Besides the above, the Ministry has set up a Pilot Project to study, document and safeguard the rich Intangible Cultural Heritage of the country. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) has been made the nodal agency to undertake this task.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.