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INCLUSION OF CITIES IN UNESCO ECO-CITY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed some cities of the country to be included in the Eco-City project of UNESCO
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and;
- (c) the further action taken by the Government for inclusion of these cities in the said Eco-City project?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Culture and the Archaeological Survey of India do not have any Eco - City project of UNESCO. However, the Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing the Eco - City project which is not related to UNESCO. During the 10th Five Year Plan, the Ministry of Environment and Forests has taken up the Eco - City Project in six selected small and medium towns listed below.

1. Vrindavan (Uttar Pradesh)
2. Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh)
3. Puri (Orissa)
4. Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)
5. Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu)
6. Kottayam (Kerala)

The overall objective of the Eco - City Project is identification of the environmental problems through participatory approach, designing and detailing the prioritised environmental project and creation of environmental landmarks that show visible environmental improvement in the selected cities and towns. The project is being implemented with a total budget of about Rs.15 crores.