

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2267  
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DOCUMENTATION OF MONUMENTS IN KARNATAKA  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal for documentation of unprotected and unsung monuments scattered throughout the State to the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of financial assistance sought from the Union Government; and
- (d) the time by which the amount is likely to be released ?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b) Yes Sir, The objective of the proposal was to undertake the documentation of about 25,000 to 30,000 unprotected monuments scattered throughout the State of Karnataka, and to prepare a comprehensive illustrative directory as a part of the Golden Jubilee of unified Karnataka Celebration. The estimated cost of the project was Rs. 100 lakhs.

(c) The details of financial assistance sought are as below:-

- 1. Collection of data and digital documentation of monuments - Rs. 40 lakhs
- 2. Consolidation of information, formatting the book and CD - Rs. 10 lakhs
- 3. Publication of comprehensive directory - Rs. 50 lakhs
- Total - Rs. 100 lakhs

(d) It has been intimated that the Archaeological Survey of India is launching a National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities and that the Mission would prepare an inventory of all unprotected monuments and antiquities of the country.