

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HAMP
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received comments of UNESCO World Heritage Centre on the draft Integrated Management Plan for Hampi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken thereon?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) : Yes Sir. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre had sent their comments on the draft Integrated Management Plan for Hampi World Heritage Cultural Landscape. In their communication, they have acknowledged the great amount of efforts and quality of work made by the team that drafted the plan. They have also suggested redefinition of the Outstanding Universal Value of the site, possible renomination/ extension of the property as the cultural landscape of Vijayanagara Kingdom, operationalisation of the management plan, putting in place a management system and direct involvement of the management authority in the planning process.

As a follow-up action, Archaeological Survey of India has requested the Consultants to re-orient the draft management plan in the light of the recommendations made by the World Heritage Centre.