

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HERITAGE CITIES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to develop heritage cities in the country to boost tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the cities selected for this purpose, State/UT and phase-wise;
- (c) the details of funds required and provided so far for the purpose, city-wise; and
- (d) the time by which the project is likely to be started and completed, phase-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a): Yes, Madam. National Heritage City Development & Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY) is under consideration with the Ministry of Urban Development.
- (b): Seven Cities namely Amritsar, Ajmer, Gaya, Kanchipuram, Mathura, Varanasi and Vellankani have been identified.
- (c): During the Current Financial Year Rs.200 Crore has been allocated for these cities.
- (d): Project is likely to be started in last week of December, 2014 and completed by March, 2017.