

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3492
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IDENTIFICATION OF ICONIC TOURISM SITES

3492. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) what are Iconic Tourist Sites proposed in this year's Budget;
- (b) whether any sites have been identified as Iconic Tourism Sites in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is also a component of sponsoring Iconic Tourism Sites on the lines of 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Karnataka?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tourism has identified 17 sites in 12 clusters in the country for development as Iconic Tourism Sites namely Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort & Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath & Dholavira (Gujarat), Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh), Hampi (Karnataka), Mahabalipuram (Tamil Nadu), Kaziranga (Assam), Kumarakom (Kerala) and Mahabodhi Temple (Bihar).

The Ministry shall be developing the above sites in collaboration with the Central Ministries, State Governments and Local Bodies, in a holistic manner, with focus on issues concerning connectivity to the destination, better facilities/experience for the tourists at the site, skill development, involvement of local community, promotion & branding and by bringing private investment.
