GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.†452 ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

RESTORATION OF HISTORICAL MONUMENTS

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is planning to restore all the historical monuments in order to promote tourism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of archaeological buildings selected for this purpose in the State of Rajasthan?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism is not involved in the restoration of historical monuments under Adopt a Heritage Project.

As per ASI, there is no such plan to restore all historical monuments protected by the ASI as conservation work is governed by archaeological norms and principles where main thrust is to maintain their authenticity and integrity. There are 3691 nos. of protected monuments of National Importance under the ASI for which essential conservation work is being attended regularly and they are in a good state of preservation. There are 163 Nos. of protected monuments of ASI in Rajasthan.
