

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DAMAGE TO THE HERITAGE SITES OF HAMPI

2388# SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) whether Government is aware of the damage caused to heritage structures due to the increasing tourism in Hampi;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to ensure the protection of heritage sites during such mega events;
- (c) whether Government is implementing any monitoring system to maintain the structural safety of the monuments; and
- (d) the steps being taken by Government to involve local communities in conservation efforts and to promote sustainable tourism?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): As conveyed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), recently, no damage has been noticed in the Group of Monuments at Hampi on account of tourism activity, under the jurisdiction of ASI, Hampi Circle national protected Monuments.

(c): The ASI, Hampi Circle is conducting periodic inspection of the monuments of the Group of monuments at Hampi. The ASI, Hampi circle has prepared a disaster management plan for Vittala temple at Hampi. The ASI, has also taken up the study of the vulnerability of the monument with the help of Heritage consultancy to understand the various issues pertaining to the monuments to avoid any further damage and also to devise the conservation mechanism.

Earlier, the ASI has taken up a study structural stability of the Krishna temple in the year 2012-13 with the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.

The ASI has also devised an internal mechanism of duty monitoring of the site, with the engineers and Archaeologists.

(d): The Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and initiated Travel for LiFE programme to promote sustainable tourism in the country and to encourage the tourists and tourism businesses to adopt sustainable tourism practices.

The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme has been initiated with the objective of developing sustainable and responsible destinations following a tourist & destination centric approach.

Further, the ASI has taken efforts to sensitize the local community for the need of the preservation of the Heritage structure in Hampi.
