Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether UNESCO has decided to remove Hampi from the Heritage list;
(b) if so, the reason therefor; and
(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the site?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a & b) No, Sir. The World Heritage site of Hampi has been declared as an endangered site by the UNESCO in view of certain construction activities at the site.

(c) The Government of Karnataka has set up a high level Task Force to take long-term corrective measures as per Govt. of India’s initiative.