

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2160

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CONSERVATION OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the financial assistance received from UNESCO for the conservation of World Heritage sites in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, monument-wise;
- (b) the details of amount spent and works taken up during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has forwarded a list of new places of Heritage sites to UNESCO for giving them World Heritage status;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the response of UNESCO in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) No financial assistance has been received by the Archaeological Survey of India for the conservation of World Heritage sites in the country during the last three last years.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The Government of India has nominated Majuli Island in Assam for consideration of inclusion in the World Heritage list in 2006 and the nomination dossier for Red Fort has been submitted to the World Heritage Centre for consideration for inclusion in the World Heritage list for 2007.
- (e) Nomination dossier for Majuli Island has been examined by the World Heritage Centre and an expert from ICOMOS, an advisory body of UNESCO has completed the site visit. Decision of the World Heritage Committee will be known in the ensuing meeting to be held in June 2006.