

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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RED FORT AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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

- (a) whether the World Heritage Committee has taken a decision to include Red Fort on the list of World Heritage list recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) the further steps being taken / proposed to be taken by the ASI for proper maintenance and development of surroundings of the Red Fort to maintain the monument's credibility;
- (d) the names of other historical monuments/sites included in the World Heritage List; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government for the better management of these monuments?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b):The UNESCO World Heritage Committee during its 31st session held at Christchurch (New Zealand) from 23rd June to 2nd July, 2007, has inscribed Red Fort Complex, Delhi on the World Heritage list due to its outstanding universal value represented by flourishing Mughal architecture built upon local traditions, as a symbol of power since the reign of Shahjahan, and as the place where Indian Independence was first celebrated and is still celebrated today.

(c):The buffer area surrounding the Red Fort has been developed by appropriate landscaping and the day to day maintenance of the monument is carried out as part of a continuous process. Further, a Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan has been prepared, which addresses both short and long term conservation strategies to maintain the credibility of the monument.

(d): The list of the Indian sites already inscribed on the World Heritage list is at Annexure `A`.

(e): A management system is in position in the World Heritage sites and requisite conservation measures are taken as per the resources available.