

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HERITAGE STATUS BY UNESCO

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of temples, forts and other places of Heritage Status in India recognized by United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the annual amount being spent by the Government on their maintenance;
- (b) whether the Government has forwarded a list of new places of Heritage status to UNESCO for giving them World Heritage status;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

- a) World Heritage Sites under the Archaeological Survey of India are listed at Annexure I Details of amounts spent on their maintenance during 2008-09 are at Annexure II.
- (b) to(d) As per the Operational Guidelines of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention, the last date for submission of nomination dossiers for inscription as World Heritage Sites is 01 Feb, 2009. Some nomination dossiers are under preparation for submission to the World Heritage Centre.