

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the sites proposed by the Government for inclusion in the UNESCO's tentative list for 2011 as world heritage sites;
- (b) the names of the sites accepted by the UNESCO for inclusion in its list of world heritage sites for 2010;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted by the Government in the various States including Kerala for nomination of heritage sites for the UNESCO's list recently; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

- (a) Sites that are proposed at present for inclusion in UNESCO's tentative list for consideration as World Heritage sites in the year 2011 are: Nalanda (Bihar), Kangra Valley Railways (Himanchal), Oakgrove School (Uttarakhand), Churchgate Building (Maharashtra), Maharaja Railways of India (Madhya Pradesh).
- (b) Nomination dossiers have been submitted to UNESCO in respect of 3 sites namely Jantar Mantar, Jaipur; Matheran Light Railway (under cultural category) and sub-clusters of Western Ghats (under natural category). UNESCO is likely to accept two of them.
- (c) Out of seven sub-clusters of Western Ghats proposed to UNESCO under natural category, 5 are in Kerala.
- (d) As per Annexure "A."