

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:922
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MAJULI ISLAND IN WORLD HERITAGES LIST
Ghatowar Shri Paban Singh

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the UNESCO is likely to accord Cultural Landscape Site status under World Heritage Site to Majuli River island in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the present status of the negotiation in this regard;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to popularize the Sattras culture of Majuli in the country;
- (d) whether any proposal has been received from the State Government of Assam for the overall development of the Sattras and its culture; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY)

- (a) &(b) Yes, Sir. The UNESCO World Heritage Centre has recommended rewriting the entire nomination dossier on Majuli Island for inscription on World Heritage List as a Cultural Landscape. This process is now underway.
- (c) Under Majuli Development Project, the State Government has sanctioned a Cultural Centre for propagation of and training in Sattriya & Folk Dance, and has also given funds for the development of an ethnic village for the conservation and promotion of the island's tribal culture. Regular workshops and training programmes are organized under the aegis of the Cultural Centre.
- (d) &(e) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Assam has sent a revised proposal for promotion and preservation of 33 Sattras. The project cost amounts to Rs. 25.76 crores. The proposal has been sent directly to the Planning Commission and is under consideration with them.