

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2055  
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RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO UNESCO  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to recommend the Indian historical and archaeological sites to UNESCO as World Heritage Sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Orissa to include the Konark Temple as World Heritage Site; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a)&(b) There are already 27 sites in India inscribed in the World Heritage List of UNESCO. Further, the Government has submitted nomination dossier on Jantar-Mantar (Jaipur) and Santiniketan (West Bengal) to the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO for inscription on World Heritage List. The preparation of nomination dossiers on Majuli Cultural Landscape (Assam) and Harappan Sites as Serial Nomination is underway.
- (c)&(d) The Sun Temple at Konark is already included in the World Heritage List.