

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2124
ANSWERED ON:10.03.2010
ENDANGERED HERITAGE
Roy Shri Nripendra Nath

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the 16th century castle in Kargil, 17th century monastery in Ladakh, a historic civic centre in Shimla and a palace in U. P. figure in the list of 93 endangered heritage sites across 47 countries compiled by World Monument Fund;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether these monuments are in Government's list for heritage monuments; and
- (d) if so, the proposal to protect and preserve these sites?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Four sites from India figure in the list of endangered heritage sites compiled by World Monument Fund in 2010. These are:

1. Chiktan Castle, Kargil (J&K)
2. Dechen Namgyal Gonpa, Nyoma (J&K)
3. Historic Civic Centre, Shimla (H. P.)
4. Kothi/Palace at Mahmudabad, Distt. Sitapur (U.P).

(c) No, Sir. None of these monuments is under the protection and control of Archaeological Survey of India.

(d) Question does not arise.