

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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WORLD HERITAGE SITES AND PROTECTED MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Centrally protected world heritage sites and monuments in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of tourists visited these heritage sites and monuments during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to popularise these heritage sites and monuments as tourist spots?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): There are 3676 monuments/sites declared as of National Importance in the Country. State wise list is at Annexure I. The monuments/sites included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO in the country are at Annexure II.

The details of Tourist inflow at 16 World Heritage Sites and 100 other centrally protected ticketed monuments in the country during the last three years and current year up to June, 2010 is given below:-

Year	Indian	Foreigner
2007-08	6331639	2761943
2008-09	27037333	2273318
2009-10	30277757	3212593
2010-11 (upto June)	8478229	394889

The conservation, preservation, maintenance and development of environs of centrally protected monuments, creation of tourist related amenities (e.g. drinking water, toilet blocks, facilities for physically challenged, pathways, cultural notice boards/signage, vehicle parking, cloak room, etc.) at the centrally protected monuments/site are the regular activities from tourism point of view which the Archaeological Survey of India undertakes as per needs and availability of resources.