

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF HERITAGE SITES  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the steps taken by the Government for the conservation of heritage sites in various States including Bihar in consonance with the UNESCO guidelines; and

(b) the steps taken to compete with the world cultural heritage sites for inclusion of the Indian cultural heritage sites in the list of wonders of the world

**Answer**

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

(a): Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) ensures that the conservation of all protected monuments, and world heritage sites under its jurisdiction, including those in Bihar, is undertaken according to the accepted international and national norms and according to various charters for conservation as promulgated by UNESCO.

(b): The ASI being the nodal agency in this matter has already taken proactive steps as a pre-requisite for including more cultural heritage sites in the World Heritage List, preparing nomination dossiers in each case and initiating concrete action to retain their outstanding universal value, maintain their authenticity and integrity as per the requirements of the World Heritage Convention 1972.