

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2011
INDIAN SITES IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of sites of India included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO;
- (b) whether certain new sites have been included in the list in the recent past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has submitted a proposal to the UNESCO to include Shantiniketan in its World Heritage List; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO 132 FOR 9.08.2011 REGARDING INDIAN SITES IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST

(a) There are total 28 sites of India included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. During the period 2007-2010, Red Fort (Deihi), Kalka-Shimla Railways (as extension of Mountain Railways of India) and Jantar - Mantar of Jaipur have been included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. An earlier proposal for inclusion of Shantiniketan as a World Heritage Site has been retrieved, for improvement of certain elements, such as, better coordination among different agencies in the buffer zone.