

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1447
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SUNDERBAN WORLD HERITAGE SITE
Mandal Dr. Tarun

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sunderban National Park has been declared a world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to protect the rich biodiversity and the rare flora and fauna found therein;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated any fund for the overall rehabilitation and development of the said heritage site in the aftermath of the destruction caused by Cyclone Aila; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

- (a) Sunderban National Park has been declared as a World Heritage Property since 1987.
- (b) Central Govt. and State Govt., have undertaken various works to protect the rich biodiversity and the rear flora and fauna found in Sunderbans. The National park area is under two ranges namely Sunderban National Park (East) Range and Sunderban National Park (West) Range which has two Surface Protection Camps and three Floating Camps respectively. The area is under continuous surveillance. The area is also a part of critical tiger habitat as per the provisions of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, with its amendment in 2006.
- (c) Yes. Sir.
- (d) The details are given below :-