

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5469
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RESTORATION OF WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the World Heritage Site status has been restored to Manas National Park in Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the extent to which the removal of the said National Park from the list of 'World Heritage Sites in Danger' is likely to benefit it?

Answer

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

- (a) There is no question of restoring the World Heritage Site status to Manas National Park in Assam as it was never removed from the World Heritage List.
- (b) Question does not arise.
- (c) The Manas National Park in Assam was placed on the endangered list by the UNESCO due to some management problems of the site which has been addressed by the state. It is a prestige issue for a country that a site is placed on endangered list and hence, the removal of the site from endangered list restores the prestige of the state party.