

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4341  
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NATURAL WONDERS OF THE WORLD  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India could not secure any place in the final list of the Seven Natural Wonders of the world prepared by a Swiss Foundation;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in the regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) Yes Sir. India did not participate in this initiative on listing of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World as it was floated by a private entity viz.Swiz Foundation and not by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), which is the official entity for all matters relating to World Natural and Cultural Heritage Conservation.