

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS  
LOK SABHA**

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HERITAGE STATUS OF BIRD SANCTUARIES  
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**Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of sites/bird sanctuaries which have been declared heritage sites by the Government and United Nations in the country;
- (b) the number of such sites/bird sanctuaries which are on the verge of losing their identities as national/world heritage status; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government including granting financial assistance to the concerned agencies to save these sites/bird sanctuaries from losing their heritage status?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) Five natural sites in India have been declared as Natural World Heritage Sites. These are Kaziranga National Park, Keoladeo National Park, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary, Nanda Devi National Park and Valley of Flowers as an extension of Nanda Devi, and Sunderbans National Park.
- (b) Presently no natural World Heritage Site in India is on the verge of losing its status as World Heritage Site, or included in the list of World Heritage Sites in danger.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.