

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2926
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HILL FORTS IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether UNESCO World Heritage Committee has agreed to revisit India's proposal seeking nomination of hill forts for according to world heritage status;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the officials from the International Convention of Monuments and Sites have visited hill fort sites in India recently for the purpose of according world heritage status; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER CULTURE (SMT. CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a)&(b) Yes Sir. The nomination proposal of Hill Forts of Rajasthan submitted by India was 'Referred' by the World Heritage Committee in its 36th Session at St. Petersburg, Russia, seeking for some additional information from the state party.
- (c) Yes Sir. Mrs. Susan Denyer, an expert of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) visited Jaipur, Rajasthan on 23rd November, 2012 and had meetings with various stakeholders such as the representatives of the Government of Rajasthan, Archaeological Survey of India and Members of the Advisory Committee on World Heritage Matters (ACWHM).
- (d) The meeting was to discuss complete representation of Hill Forts of Rajasthan and their management under the Fort Apex Advisory Committee, chaired by the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan.