

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF HERITAGE SITES MONUMENTS IN UNESCO LIST

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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the names of heritage monuments/sites/cities included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, so far;
- (b) the details of proposals received from the States including, ^ Odisha for inclusion of monuments/ sites/cities including hilly forts in the UNESCO World Heritage List, so far along with the action/steps taken on each of the proposals, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether officials from the International Convention of Monuments and Sites have visited hill fort sites in India recently to accord world heritage status;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the details of proposals pending with the UNESCO for the inclusion of the said monuments/sites in the World Heritage List;
- (e) the details of proposals received by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to outsource the maintenance of world heritage sites/monuments and the contracts awarded to the private contractors so far; and
- (f) the action taken on such proposals along with the steps being taken by the Government/ASI for preservation/ maintenance of World heritage monuments/sites in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH)

- (a) The names of heritage monuments/sites/cities included in the UNESCO World Heritage List are given at Annexure I
- (b) Two nomination dossiers namely the Hill Forts of Rajasthan from State Government of Rajasthan and the Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad from State Government of Andhra Pradesh were received and forwarded to the World Heritage Centre (WHC). Out of these, the Hill Forts of Rajasthan has been inscribed on the World Heritage List. No proposal has been received from the State of Odisha.
- (c) Two members ICOMOS Advisory Mission visited India in & November, 2012 for evaluation of Hill Forts of Rajasthan which
- (d) has been inscribed on the World Heritage List during 37th Session of World Heritage Committee held in Cambodia in June, 2013. The proposals on Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh), Majuli Island (Assam) and, Rani-ki-Vav, Patan (Gujrat) under Cultural Category and the Great Himalayan National Park (Himachal Pradesh) under Natural Category have been submitted to WHC.
- (e) No proposal has been received by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (f) Conservation of all World Heritage monuments/sites under Archaeological Survey of India are being preserved and maintained by the department and are in a good state of preservation.