

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NOMINATION IN THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to nominate Jantar Mantar, eco-regions of the Western Ghats and the Matheran light rail for possible inclusion in the World Heritage List in 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) If not, the heritage sites the Government proposes to nominate, State-wise including Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SH. V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b) India has submitted nomination dossiers of Jantar Mantar, Jaipur and Matheran light rail, Raigad, Maharashtra under cultural category and seven sub-clusters of the Western Ghats spread over in the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra under natural category, for consideration of their inscription in the World Heritage List of UNESCO.

The World Heritage Centre (WHC) has informed that the nomination dossier of the Western Ghats is incomplete and has sought discussion on the issue. The Ministry of Environment & Forests (MOEF) is taking appropriate action in the matter.

The nomination dossiers of Jantar Mantar and Matheran light rail, however, have been found technically complete and listed for evaluation by the Advisory Bodies of UNESCO. Both the nominations would come up for the consideration of World Heritage Committee of UNESCO in its 34th session to be held in Brazil in 2010.

(c) Does not arise.