

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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STATUS OF WORLD HERITAGE CITY TO DELHI
Kumar Shri Ashwini

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take steps for inclusion of various Indian cities in the UNESCO's World Heritage list;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the cities along with the criteria adopted by the UNESCO to include ancient sites/tourist places in World Heritage List;
- (c) whether the Government has submitted all necessary information to UNESCO for conferring Delhi for the World Heritage City status;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the proposal; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE & TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AND MINISTER OF STATE, CIVIL AVIATION (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) At present two nomination dossiers Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities and The Victorian & Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai have been submitted to World Heritage Centre for the purpose of inscription. One more proposals which is Historic City of Ahemdabadis in UNESCO's tentative List. The criteria adopted by UNESCO to include ancient sites/tourist places in World Heritage List are given in Annexure-A.

(c)to(e) Yes, Madam. The nomination dossier of 'Delhi's Imperial Capital Cities' had tobeen to forwarded to UNESCO in January, 2014 for the purpose of its inscription in the World Heritage List. UNESCO had asked for some additional information in respect to the proposedproperty which was forwarded to them in November 2014. ICOMOS team had called for a meeting on 19th of January 2015 in Franceand an expert from INTACH Chapter Delhi attended the meeting.