

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018

MONUMENTS INCLUDED IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST

**3209. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE:
SHRI OM PRAKASH YADAV:
ADV. JOICE GEORGE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified historical and tourist places in the country including Bihar to be included in the list of world heritage places/sites of UNESCO and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of buildings, monuments forts etc in the country which have been declared as national heritage and has been included in the World Heritage list of UNESCO, State/UT-wise along with the funds spent by the Government on their maintenance every year;
- (c) whether huge cluster of Victorian Gothic of Art Deco buildings of Mumbai were included in world heritage sites of UNESCO recently and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether certain such ancient and historical places in the country including Bihar have been included in the official list of world heritage sites in the 42nd session of world Heritage Committee of UNESCO held in Mahama, Bahrain;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of monuments included along with the effective steps taken by the Government to get such places included in world heritage places list as well as to include new places in the said list; and
- (f) the norms/parameter in place for including monuments in the World Heritage list of UNESCO?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) Yes Madam. 41 sites from the country including Bihar have been identified and included in the Tentative List for World Heritage nomination. Their list is given as **Annexure 'A'**.

- (b) At present, there are 3687 monuments in India, which have been declared as national protected monuments, out of which, 22 monuments/sites have been included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO. State /UT wise list along with the funds spent is placed as **Annexure 'B'**.
- (c) Yes Madam, The Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai has been inscribed on the World Heritage List under cultural category during 42nd session of World Heritage Committee held in Manama, Bahrain.
- (d)&(e) No Madam, Augmentation of sites on the World Heritage List/Tentative List is a continuous process and sites are selected on the basis of their potential for fulfilling criteria as prescribed in UNESCO's Operational Guidelines and demonstration of Outstanding Universal Value.
- (f) The criteria for selection for inscription on Word Heritage List are enclosed as **Annexure 'C'**.

ANNEXURE 'A'**REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO. 3209 FOR 06.08.2018****TENTATIVE LIST OF CULTURAL AND NATURAL SITES FROM INDIA**

Sl. No.	Name of Properties	Location/State
1.	Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi,	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Apatani Cultural Landscape	Arunachal Pradesh
3.	Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port-Town, Lothal	Gujarat
4.	Bahá'í House of Worship at New Delhi	New Delhi
5.	Cellular Jail, Andaman Islands	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
6.	Chettinad, Village Clusters of the Tamil Merchants	Tamil Nadu
7.	Chilika Lake	Odisha
8.	Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of India	States of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Himachal Pradesh (HP)
9.	Delhi - A Heritage City	Delhi
10.	Desert National Park	Rajasthan
11.	Dholavira: A Harappan City	Gujarat
12.	Ekamra Kshetra – The Temple City, Bhubaneswar	Odisha
13.	Evolution of Temple Architecture – Aihole-Badami-Pattadakal	Karnataka
14.	Group of Monuments at Mandu, Madhya Pradesh	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam
16.	Jaipur city, Rajasthan India	Rajasthan
17.	Keibul Lamjao Conservation Area	Manipur
18.	Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala	Kerala
19.	Moidams – the Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty	Assam
20.	Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate	Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
21.	Monuments of Srirangapatna Island Town	Karnataka
22.	Mountain Railways of India (Extension)	Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh
23.	Mughal Gardens in Kashmir	Jammu and Kashmir,
24.	Namdapha National Park	Arunachal Pradesh
25.	Narcondam Island	Andaman and Nicobar Islands

26.	Neora Valley National Park	West Bengal
27.	Padmanabhapuram Palace	Kerala
28.	River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam	Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Tripura, Meghalaya
29.	Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala	Karnataka
30.	Santiniketan	West Bengal
31.	Silk Road Sites in India	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Union Territory of Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi
32.	Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grand Trunk Road	Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal
33.	Sites of Saytagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement	Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi
34.	Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar, Punjab	Punjab
35.	Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam	Tamil Nadu
36.	Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal	West Bengal
37.	The Glorious Kakatiya Temples and Gateways	Andhra Pradesh
38.	The Neolithic Settlement of Burzhom	Jammu and Kashmir
39.	The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar	Andhra Pradesh
40.	Thembang Fortified Village	Arunachal Pradesh
41.	Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch	Gujarat

ANNEXURE 'B'

REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO. 3209 FOR 06.08.2018

WORLD HERITAGE SITES

CULTURAL SITES:

Under Protection of Archaeological Survey of India

S. No	Name of Site	State	Fund Spent in the year 2017-18 (In Rs)
1.	Agra Fort (1983)	Uttar Pradesh	12222064
2.	Ajanta Caves (1983)	Maharashtra	15092329
3.	Ellora Caves (1983)	Maharashtra	10646936
4.	Taj Mahal (1983)	Uttar Pradesh	29857553
5.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984)	Tamil Nadu	23.93 Lakh
6.	Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)	Odisha	8575855
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa (1986)	Goa	2769856
8.	Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	Uttar Pradesh	16246126
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)	Karnataka	21442382
10.	Khajuraho, Group of Temples (1986)	Madhya Pradesh	5366659
11.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	Maharashtra	12410125
12.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004)	Tamil Nadu	34.51 Lakh
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (1987)	Karnataka	14,80,480
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)	Madhya Pradesh	3590194
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993)	Delhi	7737685
16.	Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi (1993)	Delhi	15361718
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	Madhya Pradesh	1419623
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	Gujarat	8883282
19.	Red Fort Complex, Delhi (2007)	Delhi	38671214
20.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and Gagron Forts) (2013) (Amber and Gagron Forts are under protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums)	Rajasthan	10493734 (For Hills Forts under ASI)
21.	Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan (2014)	Gujarat	465508

22.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda <i>Mahavihara</i> (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (2016)	Bihar	6641226
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ANNEXURE 'C'

REPLY TO PART (f) OF LOK SABHA USQ NO. 3209 FOR 06.08.2018

The Criteria for Selection

To be included on the World Heritage List, sites must be of outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of ten selection criteria. These are as follows:

Selection criteria:

- (i) to represent a masterpiece of human creative genius;
- (ii) to exhibit an important interchange of human values, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design;
- (iii) to bear a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared;
- (iv) to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history;
- (v) to be an outstanding example of a traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment especially when it has become vulnerable under the impact of irreversible change;
- (vi) to be directly or tangibly associated with events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance. (The Committee considers that this criterion should preferably be used in conjunction with other criteria.
- (vii) to contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance;
- (viii) to be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history, including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic features;
- (ix) to be outstanding examples representing significant on-going ecological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystems and communities of plants and animals;
- (x) to contain the most important and significant natural habitats for in-situ conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of

view of science or conservation.