

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 5261
ANSWERED ON – 04.04.2022

PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE HOYSALA TEMPLE IN UNESCO'S LIST

5261. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

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

- (a) whether the hoysala temples of Karnataka belur, halebidu in Hassan district and somanathapur in Mysore are proposed to be listed under UNESCO's world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the detailed benefits and funds likely to be extended by the Centre and UNESCO to such sites for better conservation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPOMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India has submitted the nomination dossier of the serial property 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala' comprising 1) Chennakeshava Temple, Belur 2) Hoysaleshvara Temple, Halebidu and 3) Keshava Temple, Somnathpura; to the World Heritage Centre, Paris for consideration for the year 2022-23.
- (c) All three are Centrally Protected Monuments and are conserved and maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). The inscription of the property as World Heritage Site enhances tourism and development of the adjoining areas and provides employment opportunity to the local population.
