

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3591
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2025

TENTATIVE SITES FOR WORLD HERITAGE LIST OF UNESCO

3591. SHRI THIRU THANGA TAMILSELVAN:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of national heritage shrines /temples/locations/memorials in the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu nominated by India and recognized by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as World Heritage Sites;
- (b) whether the Government is maintaining any list of tentative sites from the Country for consideration of nominations for the World Heritage List of UNESCO;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State/UT and site-wise; and
- (d) the details of the budget allocated by the Government to maintain these World Heritage Sites in the country during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) There are **44 World Heritage properties, including those in Tamil Nadu**, inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List. The details of these World Heritage properties are attached at **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Yes Sir, there are **62 properties currently on the Tentative List** for consideration & for nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List. The list is attached as **Annexure-II**.
- (c)
- (d) The details of the budget allocated for the maintenance of the World Heritage properties protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in the **last three years** are attached as **Annexure-III**.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3591 FOR 11.08.2025.

INDIA: WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTIES

	Property	State	Year of inscription	Criteria
	Cultural Properties			
1.	Agra Fort	Uttar Pradesh	1983	(iii)
2.	Ajanta Caves	Maharashtra	1983	(i)(ii)(iii)(vi)
3.	Ellora Caves	Maharashtra	1983	(i)(iii)(vi)
4.	Taj Mahal	Uttar Pradesh	1983	(i)
5.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu	1984	(i)(ii)(iii)(vi)
6.	Sun Temple, Konârak	Odisha	1984	(i)(iii)(vi)
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa	Goa	1986	(ii)(iv)(vi)
8.	Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh	1986	(ii)(iii)(iv)
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi	Karnataka	1986	(i)(iii)(iv)
10.	Khajuraho Group of Monuments	Madhya Pradesh	1986	(i)(iii)
11.	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra	1987	(i)(iii)
12.	Great Living Chola Temples	Tamil Nadu	1987, 2004	(ii)(iii)
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	Karnataka	1987	(iii)(iv)
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	1989	(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(vi)
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi	Delhi	1993	(ii)(iv)
16.	Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi	Delhi	1993	(iv)
17.	Mountain Railways of India	Darjeeling, West Bengal; Nilgiri, Tamil Nadu; Kalka – Shimla, Himachal Pradesh	1999,2005,2008	(ii)(iv)
18.	Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya	Bihar	2002	(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)(vi)
19.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh	2003	(iii)(v)
20.	Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park	Gujarat	2004	(iii)(iv)(v)(vi)
21.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus	Maharashtra	2004	(ii)(iv)

	(formerly Victoria Terminus)			
22.	Red Fort Complex	Delhi	2007	(ii)(iii)(vi)
23.	The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur	Rajasthan	2010	(iii)(iv)
24.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan	Chittorgarh, Kumbalgarh, Jaisalmer, Ranthambore, amber, Gagron Rajasthan	2013	(ii)(iii)
25.	Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen's Stepwell)at Patan	Gujarat	2014	(i)(iv)
26.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda	Bihar	2016	(iv)(vi)
27.	The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement	Chandigarh	2016	(i)(ii)(vi)
28.	Historic City of Ahmadabad	Gujarat	2017	(ii)(v)
29.	Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai	Maharashtra	2018	(ii)(iv)
30.	Jaipur City	Rajasthan	2019	(ii)(iv)(vi)
31.	Dholavira: a Harappan City	Gujarat	2021	(iii)(iv)
32.	Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple	Telangana	2021	(i)(iii)
33.	Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas	Karnataka	2023	(i)(ii)(iv)
34.	Santiniketan	West Bengal	2023	(iv)(vi)
35.	Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty	Assam	2024	(iii)(iv)
36.	Maratha Military Landscapes of India	Maharashtra&Tamilnadu	2025	(iv)(vi)
Natural Properties				
37.	Kaziranga National Park	Assam	1985	(ix)(x)
38.	Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan	1985	(x)
39.	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	Assam	1985	(vii)(ix)(x)
40.	Sundarbans National Park	West Bengal	1987	(ix)(x)
41.	Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks	Uttarakhand	1988, 2005	(vii)(x)
42.	Western Ghats	Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu	2012	(ix)(x)
43.	Great Himalayan National	Himachal Pradesh	2014	(x)

	Park Conservation Area			
	Mixed Properties			
44.	Khangchendzonga National Park	Sikkim	2016	(iii)(vi)(vii)(x)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b)& (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3591 FOR 11.08.2025.

INDIA: PROPERTIES ON THE TENTATIVE LIST

No.	Site	State	Date of Submission
	Cultural Properties		
1.	Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	1998
2.	Group of Monuments at Mandu	Madhya Pradesh	1998
3.	Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam	Kerala	1998
4.	Temples at Bishnupur	West Bengal	1998
5.	River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam	Assam	2004
6.	Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar	Punjab	2004
7.	Mughal Gardens in Kashmir	Jammu and Kashmir	2010
8.	Silk Road Sites in India	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Union Territory of Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir	2010
9.	The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar	Telangana	2010
10.	Delhi - A Heritage City	Delhi	2012
11.	Apatani Cultural Landscape	Arunachal Pradesh	2014
12.	Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port-Town, Lothal	Gujarat	2014
13.	Baha'i House of Worship	New Delhi	2014
14.	Cellular Jail, Andaman Islands	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2014
15.	Chettinad, Village Clusters of the Tamil Merchants	Tamil Nadu	2014
16.	Ekamra Kshetra-The Temple City, Bhubaneswar	Odisha	2014
17.	Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam	2014
18.	Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate	Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh	2014
19.	Monuments of Srirangapatna Island Town	Karnataka	2014

20.	Mountain Railways of India (Extension)	Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh	2014
21.	Padmanabhapuram Palace	Kerala	2014
22.	Sites of Satyagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement	Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi	2014
23.	Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam	Tamil Nadu	2014
24.	The Neolithic Settlement of Burzahom	Jammu and Kashmir	2014
25.	Thembang Fortified Village	Arunachal Pradesh	2014
26.	Evolution of Temple Architecture –Aihole – Badami-Pattadakal	Karnataka	2015
27.	Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grant Trunk Road	Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	2015
28.	The historic ensemble of Orchha	Madhya Pradesh	2019
29.	Hire Benkal, Megalithic Site	Karnataka	2021
30.	Temples of Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	2021
31.	Iconic Riverfront of Historic City of Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	2021
32.	Geoglyphs of Konkan Region of India	Maharashtra and Goa	2022
33.	Jingkiengjri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes	Meghalaya	2022
34.	Sri Veerabhadra Temple and Monolithic Bull (Nandi), Lepakshi (The Vijayanagara Sculpture and Painting Art Tradition)	Andhra Pradesh	2022
35.	Sun Temple, Modhera and its adjoining monuments	Gujarat	2022
36.	Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, Unakoti Range, Unakoti District	Tripura	2022
37.	Vadnagar – A multi-layered Historic town, Gujarat	Gujarat	2022
38.	Serial nomination of Coastal Fortifications along the Konkan Coast, Maharashtra	Maharashtra	2024
39.	Gwalior Fort	Madhya Pradesh	2024
40.	KhooniBhandara, Burhanpur	Madhya Pradesh	2024

41.	Rock Art Sites of the Chambal Valley	Madhya Pradesh	
42.	The Bhojeshwar Mahadev Temple, Bhojpur	Madhya Pradesh	2024
43.	The Gond monuments of Ramnagar, Mandla	Madhya Pradesh	2024
44.	The historic ensemble of Dhamnar	Madhya Pradesh	2024
45.	Mudumal Megalithic Menhirs	Telangana	2025
46.	Serial nomination for Ashokan Edict sites along the Mauryan Routes	Madhya Pradesh	2025
47.	Serial nomination of Chausath Yogini Temples	Madhya Pradesh	2025
48.	Serial nomination of Gupta Temples in North India	Madhya Pradesh	2025
49.	The Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas	Madhya Pradesh	2025
50.	Salkhan Fossil Park, Sonbhadra	Uttar Pradesh	2025
	Natural Properties		
51.	Namdapha National Park	Arunachal Pradesh	2006
52.	Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch	Gujarat	2006
53.	Desert National Park	Rajasthan	2009
54.	Neora Valley National Park	West Bengal	2009
55.	Chilika Lake	Odisha	2014
56.	Narcondam Island	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2014
57.	Satpura Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	2021
58.	Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley	Madhya Pradesh	2021
59.	Kanger Valley National Park	Chhattisgarh	2025
	Mixed Properties		
60.	Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of India	Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh	2015
61.	KeibulLamjao Conservation Area	Manipur	2016
62.	Garro Hills Conservation Area (GHCA)	Meghalaya	2018

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Details of the budget allocated for the maintenance of the World Heritage properties protected by the Archaeological Survey of India

S. No	Name of Site	State	Budget Allocation		
			2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1.	Agra Fort	Uttar Pradesh	30447695	34643842	23192766
2.	Ajanta Caves	Maharashtra	18607730	39575601	11059386
3.	Ellora Caves	Maharashtra	27764143	65411091	9607284
4.	Taj Mahal	Uttar Pradesh	28443366	31776447	25813898
5.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu	11819435	8619791	11621560
6.	Sun Temple, Konarak	Odisha	30249010	24989,85	12904875
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa	Goa	42537165	81772937	52560719
8.	Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh	48625437	52809325	33942053
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi	Karnataka	47709092	83681075	29285386
10.	Khajuraho, Group of Temples	Madhya Pradesh	43002632	29051512	14260152
11.	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra	19025620	22174430	6935952
12.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram	Tamil Nadu	15080506	21473356	16780409
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	Karnataka	100800000	90750000	72000000
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	5456571	6460252	2076740
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi	Delhi	11534853	11302414	15743606
16.	Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi	Delhi	15017741	12309367	14743015
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh	2504364.00	5287312.58	796980.00
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park	Gujarat	13309594	14797567	17996279
19.	Red Fort Complex, Delhi	Delhi	89408517	84809135	90977487
20.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and Gagron Forts)	Rajasthan	34380666	66267698	55453712
21.	Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at	Gujarat	6894938	3953587	4771202

	Patan				
22.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda <i>Mahavihara</i> (Nalanda University) at Nalanda	Bihar	12112698	20745263	8189603
23.	Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana	Telangana	24693550	14884496	9474234
24.	Dholavira: A Harappan City	Gujarat	16813542.32	2639159.55	1909230.74
25.	Sacred Ensembles of Hoysalas	Karnataka	198499925	173349537	50499895
26.	Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty	Assam	1539552	16834395	31699494
27.	Maratha Military Landscapes of India	Maharashtra& Tamilnadu	16373868	18677928	26001077