

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2922  
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WORLD HERITAGE SITE AT HAMPPI  
SHASHI KUMAR;SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

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

- (a) whether UNESCO has declared that Hampi will remain on the list of endangered world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the steps undertaken for development and conservation of Hampi as a world heritage site; (
- (c) whether any other site in Karnataka has been declared as world heritage site; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for their development?

**Answer**

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a) The World Heritage Committee in its 27th session held at Paris in July 2003 has decided to retain the status of Hampi as site in danger till such time corrective measures are implemented by the State Government of Karnataka.
- (b) Government of Karnataka has undertaken various measures such as removal of encroachments, banning of mining activities in the heritage area, removed the pylons of the foot bridge and has stopped construction of the main bridge near Anegundi. For construction of a new bypass road land has been acquired by the State Government. Central Tourism Department has funded construction of Visitor centre which is in progress. Archaeological Survey of India has taken up large scale conservation programme in important monuments and environment around the monuments have been improved by developing gardens.
- (c) The group of monuments at Pattadakal in Bagalkot district of Karnataka is inscribed on the World Heritage List.
- (d) Conservation works have been taken up in important monuments and the environs around the monuments have been improved by developing gardens.