

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2127

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INCLUSION OF FLOWER VALLEY OF UTTARANCHAL IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the news-items captioned "Vishwa Virasat Suchi Ke Liye Bharat Ke Do Dawey" published in a Delhi based daily of July 12;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has staked claims to include Nilgiri Mountain Railway, ferrying to Ooty in South India and world famous 'Valley of Flowers' in Uttaranchal in the world heritage list;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government are striving to get any place other than these two included in the world heritage list; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Nilgiri Mountain Railway has been inscribed on the World Heritage list as an extension to the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway and Valley of Flowers National Park in Uttaranchal as an extension to the Nanda Devi National Park during the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Durban, South Africa between 10-17th July.

(d) & (e): The Government has proposed Majuli Island, Assam for inclusion in the World Heritage List during 2006 under cultural category. The nomination dossier for Red Fort, Delhi was earlier submitted to the World Heritage Centre, it may have to be resubmitted in the new format.