

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1441  
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006  
DAL LAKE  
Deora Shri Milind Murl

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has sought international support for getting World Heritage site status for Dal Lake in Srinagar;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposed to provide Rs.75 million for the conservation of the lake in Srinagar;
- (d) the number of cases from India are pending with UNESCO for Heritage status; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

- (a)&(b) No, Sir. No proposal is submitted by the Government to the World Heritage Committee for granting World Heritage status to Dal Lake in Srinagar.
- (c) No, Sir. There is no such proposal.
- (d)& (e) No proposal from India for World Heritage status is pending with UNESCO. There are 20 sites in India's tentative list maintained by the UNESCO, of which India can propose only two sites per year (of which one site has to be a natural site) for consideration of World Heritage status. Red Fort, Delhi is proposed for nomination of World Heritage status in the year 2007 and a decision in this regard will be taken in the next meeting of the World Heritage Committee to be held sometime in June-July 2007.