

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of heritage sites in India being proposed for nomination as world heritage sites during 2007, 2008 and 2009, category-wise;
- (b) the details of the monuments declared as world heritage sites in India, state-wise;
- (c) the details of the efforts made by the Government for inclusion of other monuments of the country in the list; and
- (d) the benefits available to the monuments included in the UNESCO list?

Answer

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

(a) The following heritage sites in India have been proposed for nominations as World Heritage sites :

Cultural Sites

2007 Red Fort Complex, Delhi (already inscribed)

2008 (i) Majuli Island,

(ii) Kalka-Shimla Railway

Natural Site

2009 Western Ghats (serial nomination)

(b) State-wise details of the monuments/sites declared as World Heritage sites in India is at Annexure `A`.

(c) As per the guidelines laid down by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, 15 sites under the Cultural category and 4 sites under the Natural category in India have already been included in the UNESCO Tentative List. Details are at Annexure `B`.

(d) Monuments inscribed on the World Heritage List attain international status. This increases visitors` flow, both domestic and foreign, which contributes to the economic growth of the region and the monument receives special attention in terms of management, conservation and protection etc.