

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3350
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2007
WORLD HERITAGE SITE LIST BY UNESCO
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the names and details of Indian Heritage/Cultural sites in the UNESCO list as on date;
- (b) whether it is a fact that UNESCO's World Heritage Committee has recently updated list of properties of outstanding universal value that are a part of planet's cultural and natural heritage; (
- (c) if so, the details of the new Indian sites added to the said list; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for inclusion of more Indian sites in this list?

Answer

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

- (a) Details of the World Heritage Cultural sites from India inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list are at Annexure 'A'.
- (b) & (c) The UNESCO World Heritage Committee during its 31st session held at Christchurch (New Zealand) from 23rd June to 2nd July, 2007, has updated the World Heritage List and has inscribed Red Fort Complex, Delhi, India on the World Heritage list due to its outstanding universal value represented by flourishing Mughal architecture built upon local traditions, as a symbol of power since the reign of Shahjahan, and as the place where Indian Independence was first celebrated and is still celebrated today.
- (d) 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 UNESCO's Tentative List. Details are at Annexure 'B'.

ANNEXURE - 'A'

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3350 FOR 6.9..2007

WORLD HERITAGE CULTURAL SITES IN INDIA

CULTURAL SITES

Sl. No.	Name of site	State
1.	Ajanta Caves (1983)	Maharashtra
2.	Ellora Caves (1983)	Maharashtra
3.	Agra Fort (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Taj Mahal (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)	Orissa
6.	Group of monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984)	Tamil Nadu
7.	Churches & Convents of Goa (1986)	Goa
8.	Group of temples, Khajuraho (1986)	Madhya Pradesh
9.	Group of monuments at Hampi (1986)	Karnataka
10.	Group of monuments, Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	Uttar Pradesh
11.	Group of temples, Pattadakal (1987)	Karnataka
12.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	Maharashtra
13.	Great Living Chola temples at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004)	
14.	Buddhist monuments at Sanchi (1989)	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Humayun Tomb, Delhi (1993)	Delhi
16.	Qutb Minar complex, Delhi	Delhi
17.	Mountain Railway of India (1999, 2005)	West Bengal & Tamil Nadu
18.	Mahabodhi Temple, Bodhgaya (2002)	Bihar
19.	Prehistoric Rock shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	Madhya Pradesh
20.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	Gujarat

21. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Maharashtra Victoria Terminus) (2004)
22. Red Fort complex (2007) Delhi

ANNEXURE - B

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 3350 FOR 6.9.2007

LIST OF CULTURAL SITES FROM INDIA INCLUDED IN THE TENTATIVE LIST APPROVED BY UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (UP TO MARCH 15, 2006)

Cultural Heritage Sites

Sl. No.	Name of Monument / sites	Name of State
1.	Ancient Buddhist Site at Sarnath	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Buddhist Monastery Complex known as Alchi Chos-kor at Alchi (Leh)	Jammu & Kashmir
3.	Harappan City at Dholavira, Distt. Kuchchh	Gujarat
4.	Golconda Fort, Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
5.	Group of Monuments at Mandu, Distt. Dhar	Madhya Pradesh
6.	Hemis Gompa	Jammu & Kashmir
7.	Mattancherry Palace, Ernakulam	Kerala
8.	Rani-ki-Vav (Queen's stepwell) at Patan, Distt. Mehsana	Gujarat
9.	River Island of Majuli in midstream of river Brahmaputra	Assam
10.	Temple at Bishnupur	West Bengal
11.	Tomb of Sher Shah Suri at Sasaram	Bihar
12.	Shri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar	Punjab
13.	Kalka Shimla Railway	Haryana / Himachal Pradesh
14.	The Matheran Light Railway (Extension to the Mountain Railways of India)	Maharashtra
15.	Chandigarh modern architecture (Le Corbusier)	Chandigarh

Natural Heritage Sites

16.	Kangchendzonga National Park	West Bengal
17.	Wild Ass Sanctuary	Gujarat
18.	Namdapha National Park	Arunachal Pradesh
19.	Western Ghats (with 7 sub clusters)	
1.	Western Ghats - Agasthyamalai sub cluster (with 5 site elements)	Tamil Nadu,
2.	Western Ghats - Periyar sub cluster (with 6 site elements)	Kerala,Goa,
3.	Western Ghats - Anamalai sub cluster (with 7 site elements)	Karnataka,
4.	Western Ghats - Nilgiri sub cluster (with 6 site elements)	Maharashtra,
5.	Western Ghats - Talacauvery sub cluster (with 6 site elements)	Gujarat
6.	Western Ghats - Kudremukh sub cluster (with 5 site elements)	
7.	Western Ghats - Sahyadri sub cluster (with 4 site elements)	