

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4048
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WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS FOR RED FORT, DELHI
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has submitted any proposal to UNESCO for awarding World Heritage Site status to Red Fort in Delhi ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any decision has been taken by UNESCO in the matter;
- (d) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken by the Government to expedite the matter?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes Sir. India has submitted a nomination dossier on the Red Fort to UNESCO World Heritage Centre to consider its inscription on the World
- (e) Heritage List. As a follow up to this, ICOMOS, an Advisory Body to the UNESCO deputed an expert who evaluated the site in September, 2006 and has submitted his report to the Advisory Body. The World Heritage Committee will consider the proposal and take a final decision on inscribing the Red Fort in the World Heritage List in its 31st session at Christ Church (New Zealand) scheduled to be held between 23rd June to 2nd July, 2007.