

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1331
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WORLD HERITAGE SITES
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the places in India declared so far by UNESCO as World Heritage sites;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to include more important sites in India in the World Heritage list; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Twenty six sites have been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List from India. The details are given at Annexure-I.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. More sites have been included in the tentative list which is a prerequisite condition for inscription of a site on the World Heritage List. There are limitations in the number of nominations for inscription on World Heritage Site per year. The World Heritage Committee would consider a maximum of only two nominations from a State party in one year, of which at least one has to be in the natural category. (The details of tentative list are given at Annexure-II).

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1331 FOR 10.3.2005

DETAILS OF SITES INSCRIBED ON THE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST

CULTURAL SITES

Sl.No.	Name of Site	State
1.	Ajanta Caves	Maharashtra
2.	Ellora Caves	Maharashtra
3.	Agra Fort	Uttar Pradesh
4.	Taj Mahal	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Sun Temple, Konarak	Orissa
6.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram	Tamil Nadu
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa	Goa
8.	Group of Temples, Khajuraho	Madhya Pradesh
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi	Karnataka
10.	Group of Monuments, Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh
11.	Group of temples, Pattadakal	Karnataka
12.	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra
13.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram	Tamil Nadu

14. Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi Madhya Pradesh
15. Humayun Tomb, Delhi Delhi
16. Qutb Minar Complex, Delhi Delhi
17. Darjeeling Himalayan Railways West Bengal
18. Mahabodhi Temple Bodhgaya Bihar
19. Prehistoric Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka Madhya Pradesh
20. Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park Gujarat
21. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) Maharashtra

NATURAL SITES

22. Kaziranga National Park Assam
23. Manas Wild Life Sanctuary Assam
24. Keoladeo National Park Rajasthan
25. Sunderban National Park West Bengal
26. Nanda Devi National Park Uttranchal

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1331 FOR 10.3.2005

TENTATIVE LIST OF SITES FROM INDIA

Cultural Sites

1. Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
2. Buddhist Monastery Complex, Alchi, Leh known as Alchi Chos-kor
3. Dholavira: a Harappan City, Gujarat, Distt. Kachchh
4. Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
5. Group of Monuments at Mandu, Madhya Pradesh
6. Hemis Gompa, Leh, Ladakh
7. Kalka Shimla Railway, Himachal Pradesh
8. Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala
9. Rani ki Vav at Patan, Gujarat
10. River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam
11. Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar, Punjab
12. Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal
13. The Nilgiri Mountain Railway
14. Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, Sasaram, Bihar

Natural Site

15. Valley of Flowers National Park

