

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2919
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018

WORLD HERITAGE SITES AND NATIONAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SITES IN THE COUNTRY

2919. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

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

- (a) the total number of World Heritage Sites and National Cultural Heritage Sites in the country, what are the most recent heritage sites which have been added to the lists, if so, the details thereof along with their names and places thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated for the maintenance of these National and World Cultural Heritage Sites for the last three years; and
- (c) whether Government is aware of the heritage buildings which are on the verge of collapsing, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR
CULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) 36 Sites from India are inscribed on the World Heritage List which include 28 Cultural, 7 Natural and 1 Mixed category site. There are 3686 monuments/sites under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). During the last three years, the Archaeological Site of Nalanda *Mahavihara* (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (Bihar); The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement, Chandigarh and Historic City of Ahmedabad under cultural category and Khangchendzonga National Park, Sikkim under mixed category are added to the World Heritage List and the Vishnu Temple, Wynad (Kerala) is added to the protection list of ASI.
- (b) The year-wise detail of allocation of funds for maintenance of ASI protected monuments and World Cultural Heritage Sites is given as under:

Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Alloc.	24309.88	26695.00	33466.63	43317.39

(amount in Rs. in Lakhs)
- (c) The protected monument/sites under ASI are in good state of preservation.