

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-3860
ANSWERED ON- 06/04/2023

**INCLUSION OF TEMPLES AT BISHNUPUR, WEST BENGAL IN UNESCO'S WORLD
HERITAGE LIST**

3860. SMT. SHANTA CHHETRI :

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is expediting the case of inclusion of temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal in the UNESCO's World Heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH
EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (c) As per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines 2021, only one property- either Culture/Natural/Mixed, can be proposed for onward inclusion in the World Heritage List. In the year 2023, Moidams – the Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty has been prioritized for the inscription process for the year 2023-24. However, Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal have already been included in the Tentative List which is a pre-requisite condition for onward inclusion.
