

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 1  
ANSWERED ON- 20.07.2023**

**ChausathiJogni Temple as World Heritage Site**

**\*1. Shri Niranjan Bishi:**

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

- a) whether Government plans to consider the declaration of the 64 ChausathiJogni Temple site in Bolangir district, Odisha State as a cultural World Heritage Site; and
- b) If so, the details thereof and the period by when such declaration shall be made, if not, the reason therefor?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN  
REGION  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

(a) &(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) in respect of Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 1 for reply on 20.07.2023 regarding ChausathiJogni Temple as World Heritage Site asked by Shri Niranjana Bishi.**

(a) & (b) There is no such proposal under consideration for the 64 ChausathiJogni Temple site in Bolangir district, Odisha as a Cultural World Heritage Site. Inclusion of any site in the World Heritage List depends upon its Outstanding Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity, and fulfillment of the criteria as defined in the UNESCO's Operational guidelines. Moreover, the proposed property must remain in the UNESCO's Tentative List for at least one year prior to submitting its nomination dossier. Currently, 64 ChausathiJogni Temple site is not included in the Tentative List.

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