

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2413
ANSWERED ON- 10.08.2023

UNESCO World Heritage List from India

2413. Shri G.V.L. Narasimha Rao:

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

- a) the list of Indian sites included in the tentative list of UNESCO Heritage list;
- b) year of inclusion, process adopted for selection and reasons for inclusion in tentative list;
- c) whether Ministry supports State Governments in preparing tentative sites for selection as World Heritage site, details thereof;
- d) whether it is a fact that only one site in tentative list can be recommended every year for final selection by UNESCO as a World Heritage site;
- e) if so, whether it is unfavorable for India with rich ancient cultural heritage; and
- f) efforts made, if any, to relax one nomination per year restriction?

ANSWER

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

- a) &(b): List of India's sites on the tentative list is at Annexure-I. Tentative List is an inventory of those sites situated on its territory which each State Party considers suitable for nomination to the World Heritage List having potential Outstanding Universal Value.

- c) Yes, Sir. Ministry supports State Governments in preparing tentative sites for selection as the World Heritage site and provides all technical assistance, as and when required.
- d) to f) Yes, Sir. It is a fact that only one site from the tentative list can be recommended every year for final selection by UNESCO as a World heritage site.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2413 for reply on 10.08.2023 regarding UNESCO World Heritage List from India

Annexure-I

INDIA: PROPERTIES ON THE TENTATIVE LIST

No.	Site	State	Date of Submission	Criteria
Cultural Properties				
1.	Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	1998	
2.	Group of Monuments at Mandu	Madhya Pradesh	1998	
3.	Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam	Kerala	1998	
4.	Temples at Bishnupur	West Bengal	1998	
5.	River Island of Majuli in midstream of Brahmaputra River in Assam	Assam	2004	(ii)(iii)(v)(vi)
6.	Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar	Punjab	2004	(iii)(iv)(vi)
7.	Mughal Gardens in Kashmir	Jammu and Kashmir	2010	(i)(ii)(iv)
8.	Santiniketan	West Bengal	2010	(ii)(iii)(vi)
9.	Silk Road Sites in India	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Union Territory of Pondicherry, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi, Jammu and Kashmir	2010	(ii)(iii)(vi)
10.	The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar	Telangana	2010	(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)
11.	Delhi - A Heritage City	Delhi	2012	(ii)(v)(vi)
12.	Apatani Cultural Landscape	Arunachal Pradesh	2014	(iii)(v)
13.	Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port -Town, Lothal	Gujarat	2014	(v)
14.	Baha'i House of Worship	New Delhi	2014	(i)(iv)(vi)
15.	Cellular Jail, Andaman Islands	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2014	(iv)(vi)
16.	Chettinad, Village Clusters of the Tamil Merchants	Tamil Nadu	2014	(ii)(v)(vi)
17.	Ekamra Kshetra -The Temple City, Bhubaneswar	Odisha	2014	(i)(ii)(iii)
18.	Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Assam	2014	(iii)(v)
19.	Moidams - the Mound - Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty	Assam	2014	(v)
20.	Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate	Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh	2014	(ii)(iii)
21.	Monuments of Srirangapatna	Karnataka	2014	(i)(ii)(iii)(iv)

	Island Town			
22.	Mountain Railways of India (Extension)	Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh	2014	(ii)(iv)
23.	Padmanabhapuram Palace	Kerala	2014	(iii)(iv)
24.	Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala	Karnataka	2014	(ii)(iii)(vi)
25.	Sites of Satyagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement	Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi	2014	(iv)(vi)
26.	Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam	Tamil Nadu	2014	(i)(ii)(iii)(v)
27.	The Neolithic Settlement of Burzahom	Jammu and Kashmir	2014	(ii)(iii)(v)
28.	Thembang Fortified Village	Arunachal Pradesh	2014	(ii)(iii)(v)
29.	Evolution of Temple Architecture –Aihole – Badami - Pattadakal	Karnataka	2015	(iii)(iv)
30.	Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grant Trunk Road	Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal	2015	(ii)(iv)(vi)
31.	The historic ensemble of Orchha	Madhya Pradesh	2019	(ii)(iv)
32.	Hire Benkal, Megalithic Site	Karnataka	2021	(iii)(iv)
33.	Temples of Kanchipuram	Tamil Nadu	2021	(iv)(vi)
34.	Serial Nomination of Maratha Military Architecture in Maharashtra	Maharashtra	2021	(ii)(iii)(iv)
35.	Iconic Riverfront of Historic City of Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh	2021	(iii)(iv)(vi)
36.	Geoglyphs of Konkan Region of India	Maharashtra and Goa	2022	(i)(iii)(iv)
37.	Jingkieng jri: Living Root Bridge Cultural Landscapes	Meghalaya	2022	(i)(iii)(vi)
38.	Sri Veerabhadra Temple and Monolithic Bull (Nandi), Lepakshi (The Vijayanagara Sculpture and Painting Art Tradition)	Andhra Pradesh	2022	(i)(ii)(vi)
39.	Sun Temple, Modhera and its adjoining monuments	Gujarat	2022	(i)(iv)
40.	Rock-cut Sculptures and Reliefs of the Unakoti, Unakoti Range, Unakoti District	Tripura	2022	(i)(iv)
41.	Vadnagar – A multi-layered Historic town, Gujarat	Gujarat	2022	(ii)(v)

Natural Properties				
42.	Namdapha National Park	Arunachal Pradesh	2006	(vii)(ix)(x)
43.	Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch	Gujarat	2006	(x)
44.	Desert National Park	Rajasthan	2009	(vii)(viii)(x)
45.	Neora Valley National Park	West Bengal	2009	(vii)(x)
46.	Chilika Lake	Odisha	2014	(ix)(x)
47.	Narcondam Island	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	2014	(viii)(ix)(x)
48.	Satpura Tiger Reserve	Madhya Pradesh	2021	(vii)(ix)(x)
49.	Bhedaghat-Lametaghat in Narmada Valley	Madhya Pradesh	2021	(vii)(viii)
Mixed Properties				
50.	Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of India	Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh	2015	(iii)(v)(vi)(x)
51.	Keibul Lamjao Conservation Area	Manipur	2016	(v)(vii)(ix)(x)
52.	Garo Hills Conservation Area (GHCA)	Meghalaya	2018	(v)(vi)(viii)(x)
