

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1621
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2025

46TH WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE MEETING

1621. SHRI KESRIDEVSINH JHALA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the themes or focus areas central to this year's meeting of World Heritage Committee and the manner in which they align with India's cultural priorities;
- (b) some of the key cultural and natural heritage sites of India that will be highlighted during the event;
- (c) whether there are any new sites from India being proposed for inclusion in UNESCO's World Heritage list during this session; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) The 46th World Heritage Committee (WHC) Meeting was hosted in New Delhi, India, from July 21 to July 31, 2024. This year, the 47th WHC meeting is scheduled to be held in Paris, France from 06th July to 16th July, 2025. It is an annual general meeting hosted by a member of the World Heritage Committee to discuss and oversee the implementation of the UNESCO World Heritage Convention. There is no specific theme assigned to such committee meetings.
- (b) In the 47th WHC meeting, the dossier titled '**Maratha Military Landscapes of India**' has been submitted as a potential World Heritage Property of India under the Cultural Category. The dossier is a serial nomination, consisting of 12 components, illustrating its diverse military heritage both chronologically and typologically. These components, individually and collectively as a serial nomination, are unparalleled representations of the Maratha Kingdom's envisioned military network in India. The details of forts of **Maratha Military Landscapes of India** are attached at **Annexure-I**.
- (d)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1621 FOR 13.03.2025.

Forts of Serial Nomination of Maratha Military Landscape of India

1	Raigad fort	Maharashtra
2	Rajgad Fort	Maharashtra
3	Shivneri Fort	Maharashtra
4	Pratapgarh Fort	Maharashtra
5	Panhala Fort	Maharashtra
6	Vijaydurg Fort	Maharashtra
7	Lohagad	Maharashtra
8	Salher Fort	Maharashtra
9	Sindhudurg	Maharashtra
10	Suvarnadurg	Maharashtra
11	Khanderi Fort	Maharashtra
12	Gingee Fort	Tamilnadu