

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 980
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2025

RAGHURAJPUR CRAFT VILLAGE

980. SHRI SUBHASISHKHUNTIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to nominate Raghurajpur Craft Village in Puri, Odisha, known for its traditional Pattachitra paintings and other crafts, for recognition as a UNESCO World Heritage Site;
- (b) if so, the details of the nomination process and the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether Government has formulated any scheme/Annual Conservation Plan for the renovation of such ancient forts and temples and if so, the details thereof?
- (d) the financial and technical assistance provided by the Ministry to enhance the global visibility of the village as a hub of traditional Indian craftsmanship?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There is no such nomination dossier received by the Government of India to declare Raghurajpur Craft Village, located in Puri, Odisha as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- (b) Inclusion of any site in the World Heritage List depends upon its Outstanding Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity, and fulfilment of the criteria as defined in UNESCO's Operational Guidelines 2024. Moreover, prior to the submission of a World Heritage Nomination dossier, the proposed property must remain on UNESCO's Tentative List for at least one year. Raghurajpur Craft Village is presently not on the Tentative List which is a necessary prerequisite before any dossier is submitted.
- (c) Since Raghurajpur Craft Village is not a Centrally Protected Monument under & the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), no such measures
- (d) have been taken by the ASI in this regard.