

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2282
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2026

CONSERVATION OF MARATHA MILITARY LANDSCAPES

2282. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether 'Maratha Military Landscapes of India' have recently been included in the World Heritage List of UNESCO and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has also prepared a comprehensive conservation and management plan for protection, restoration, sustainable tourism development and local employment generation in coordination with concerned State Governments and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has provided assistance to these landscapes for the said purposes and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to nominate other historically significant Maratha forts for inclusion in the World Heritage List in future and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes. The Maratha Military Landscapes of India were inscribed on the World Heritage List on 11 July 2025 during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris. This inscription includes a total of 12 forts, 11 from the state of Maharashtra and 01 from the state of Tamil Nadu. 8 of these forts are under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) while remaining 4 are protected by Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra.
The list of the above –mentioned forts is provided in **Annexure-I**.
- (b) The Government has prepared phased comprehensive Site Management Plans for all Fort included in the World Heritage List. The details are provided in **Annexure-II**.
- (c) ASI undertakes conservation and maintenance of the 8 forts under its protection as per requirement and availability of funds. Similarly, Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Maharashtra also undertakes the conservation and maintenance of 4 forts protected by them.
- (d) No Sir. There is no proposal to nominate other historically significant Maratha Forts for inclusion in the World Heritage List.

ANNEXUREREFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2282 FOR 12.03.2026.

Sr. No.	Name of Fort	District, State	Protected under
1	Salher	Nashik, Maharashtra	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM)
2	Shivneri	Pune, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
3	Lohagad	Pune, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
4	Khanderi	Raigad, Maharashtra	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM)
5	Raigad	Raigad, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
6	Rajgad	Pune, Maharashtra	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM)
7	Pratapgad	Satara, Maharashtra	Directorate of Archaeology and Museums (DOAM)
8	Suvarnadurg	Ratnagiri, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
9	Panhala	Kolhapur, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
10	Vijaydurg	Sindhudurg, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
11	Sindhudurg	Sindhudurg, Maharashtra	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
12	Gingee	Villupuram, Tamil Nadu	Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF RAJYA SABHA
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Sr. No.	Fort Name	Phases		
		Short Term (6 months - 2 years)	Mid Term (2-5 years)	Long Term (5-10 years)
1	Salher	Administrative structure, Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Site Infrastructure, Mobility and Visitor Management, Risk and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management	Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Environment and Landscape, Overall Site Management
2	Shivneri	Administrative structure, Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Excavation, Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Mobility Plan, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management, Community Outreach	Conservation, Community Outreach
3	Lohagad	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Excavation and Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Mobility and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management	Excavation and Conservation, Overall Site Management, Community Outreach
4	Khanderi	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation, Mobility Plan, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Excavation and Conservation, Disaster and Risk Management	Community Outreach
5	Raigad	Administrative structure, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Mobility and Visitor Management, Risk and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management	Environment and Landscape, Disaster and Risk Management, Overall Site Management
6	Rajgad	Administrative	Excavation and Conservation,	Excavation

		structure, Excavation and Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Mobility Plan, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Disaster and Risk Management	and Conservation, Community Outreach
7	Pratapgad	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Mobility Plan, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management	Excavation and Conservation,	Excavation and Conservation, Community Outreach
8	Suvarnadurg	Conservation, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Mobility and Visitor Management,	Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Environment and Landscape, Risk and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management, Overall Site Management	
9	Panhala	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation	Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management	Mobility and Visitor Management, Settlement Controls, Environment and Landscape, Risk and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management, Overall Site Management
10	Vijaydurg	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Mobility Plan,	Excavation and Conservation	Excavation and Conservation, Community Outreach

		Interpretation and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management		
11	Sindhudurg	Administrative structure, Excavation and Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management	Excavation and Conservation	Excavation and Conservation, Community Outreach
12	Gingee	Administrative structure, Conservation	Conservation, Site Infrastructure, Interpretation and Visitor Management, Risk and Visitor Management	Environment and Landscape, Mobility and Visitor Management, Disaster and Risk Management, Overall Site Management
