

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3053  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2018**

**STATUS OF WORLD HERITAGE CITY TO AURANGABAD**

**3053. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:**

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

- (a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has conducted intensive research with the purpose of getting the status of the World Heritage city to Aurangabad city and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the latest number of the total small and big monuments in Aurangabad city and the details with regards to the years of establishments of these monuments;
- (c) whether due to the lack of strong basic infrastructure, Aurangabad city is lagging behind in the list of the World Heritage cities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made by the Government to improve the basic infrastructure in Aurangabad?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND MINISTER OF  
STATE FORENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

- (a) No Madam, There is no such proposal. ASI has not conducted any research with the purpose of getting the status of the World Heritage to Aurangabad city. The city is also not featured in the Tentative List of the State Party.
- (b) There are two centrally protected monuments namely Bibi ka Maqbara (1651-1661 century AD) and Aurangabad Caves (3<sup>rd</sup> century AD to 7<sup>th</sup> century AD) in Aurangabad City.
- (c)&(d) No Madam, Aurangabad city is not lagging behind, owing to, the lack of infrastructure. The essential requirement for World Heritage nomination entails, as per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines, the inclusion of the site on the UNESCO Tentative List. Aurangabad city as of now does not feature on the Tentative List.

