

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833**  
ANSWERED ON 13.02.2023

**INCLUSION OF LOTHAL IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE LIST**

1833.SHRI BRIJBHUSHAN SHARAN SINGH:  
SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:  
SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):  
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:  
SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:  
DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:  
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:  
DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:  
SHRI SANGAM LAL GUPTA:  
SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) Whether the Government is expediting the case of inclusion of Lothal in UNESCO World Heritage sites;
- (b) if so the details thereof; and
- (c) The other step being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Archaeological remains of a Harappan Port Town Lothal have been included in the Tentative List of UNESCO in 2014.
- (c) Next step is preparation of the nomination dossier as per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines (OG), 2021 outlining its Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) based on the established criteria