

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1641  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023**

**RESTORATION OF FORTS IN JALORE AND SIROHI DISTRICTS**

†1641.SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare Swarnagiri fort, Lohiyanagarh, Kot Kasta fort, Topkhana (Sanskrit school), Achalgarh fort, Achaleshwar Mahadev Temple Mount Abu, Varaha Temple of Bhinmal, Narmadeshwar Ghat Temple Silu-Sanchore and other historical forts located in Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan as a World Heritage Sites;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan for the restoration of such old temples and forts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No Sir, none of these properties have been proposed for inclusion in the World Heritage & List. Inclusion of any site in the World Heritage List depends upon its Outstanding
- (b) Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity, and fulfillment of the criteria as defined in the UNESCO's Operational guidelines. Moreover, the proposed property must remain in the UNESCO's Tentative List for at least one year prior to submitting its nomination dossier. None of the properties have been included in the Tentative List.
- (c) Swarnagiri fort, Lohiyanagarh, KotKasta fort, Topkhana (Sanskrit school), Achalgarh & fort, AchaleshwarMahadev Temple Mount Abu, Varaha Temple of Bhinmal,
- (d) NarmadeshwarGhat Temple Silu-Sanchore and other historical forts located in Jalore and Sirohi districts of Rajasthan do not come under protection of Archaeological Survey of India. However, all the monuments including temple and forts protected under Archaeological Survey of India are in good state of conservation and preservation. Regular works are carried out based on requirement and Annual Conservation Plan of the monument.

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