

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 287
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024

NOMINATION OF CULTURAL SITES FOR INCLUSION IN WORLD HERITAGE LIST

287. SHRI JAGANNATH SARKAR:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has any plans to nominate additional culturally significant sites from India for inclusion in the World Heritage List in the near future, particularly from the State of West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to provide support and resources to ensure the effective preservation and management of Santiniketan following its nomination on the World Heritage List; 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, there is no such plan to nominate any other cultural site of West Bengal in this nomination cycle 2024-25. As per the Operational Guidelines, 2023, only one property
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- (b) either cultural/natural/mixed can be nominated for any nomination cycle. This year, dossier namely “Maratha Military Landscapes of India” has been prioritized.

- (c) The Heritage Buildings of Santiniketan, designated as a World Heritage Property, are
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- (d) safeguarded, managed, and preserved by Vishva Bharati University. As a central university and an institution of national importance under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, it assumes responsibility for their protection and conservation as per guidelines laid down in Operational Guidelines, 2023.
