

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3567
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2020

**INCLUSION AND REMOVAL OF TOURIST SITES FROM UNESCO WORLD
HERITAGE SITES' LIST**

3567. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- a) whether Kailash Mansarovar has been removed from UNESCO tentative list of Heritage Sites;
- b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- c) whether India has nominated Ramappa Temples for WHC Session 2020 and Deccan Sultanate Sites for WHC Session 2021; and
- d) whether the Ministry considers pursuing Bishnupur Temples, Neora Valley National Park and Shantiniketan for UNESCO world Heritage sites?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

- (a) & (b) No Sir. However, the property titled "Sacred Mountain Landscape and Heritage Routes", Pithoragarh, District-Uttarakhand, India has been withdrawn from UNESCO's tentative list at the request of Director, Wildlife Institute of India citing the technical correction with respect to coordinates of the proposed property.
- (c) Yes Sir, India has nominated Ramappa Temples for WHC session 2020. For the year 2021, two dossiers namely 'Dholavira: A Harappan City' and 'Monuments and Forts of Deccan Sultanate' were submitted to WHC and as per Operational Guidelines, dossier of 'Dholavira: A Harappan City' has been prioritized.
- (d) Yes Sir, all the three sites namely Temples at Bishnupur, Neora Valley National Park and Santiniketan have been included in the Tentative List, which is a prerequisite condition for further inscription process.