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the property titled “Sacred Mountain Landscape and Heritage Routes”, Pithoragarh, District-Uttarakhand, India has been withdrawn from UNESCO’s tentative list at the request of Director, Wildlife Institute of India citing the technical correction with respect to coordinates of the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.