

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4268
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021

INCLUSION OF SHANTINIKETAN IN UNESCO'S LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE SITE

4268. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

(a) the names of heritage sites in the country which were declared as UNESCO World Heritage Sites and annual footfall of each of them;

(b) whether India has sent a proposal to include Shantiniketan - the abode of Nobel Laureate poet, Shri Rabindra Nath Tagore for declaration in UNESCO's List of World Heritage Sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said proposal is likely to be granted?

ANSWER

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

(a) At present, India has 38 UNESCO World Heritage Properties. The list is placed here with as '**Annexure-I**'. Details of annual footfall of World Heritage Properties under Protection of Archaeological Survey of India are placed at '**Annexure-II**'.

(b)& (c) Yes Sir. Santiniketan, India has been submitted for the inscription process for the cycle 2021-22. As per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines 2019, inclusion of sites in World Heritage List depends upon the Outstanding Universal Value of the Property to be evaluated by ICOMOS evaluation unit. Accordingly, the decision to include the Property in the World Heritage List is taken by World Heritage Committee in the annual session.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO4268 FOR DATED 22.03.2021

WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN INDIA (38)**CULTURAL SITES:****Under Protection of Archaeological Survey of India (22)**

S. No	Name of Site	State
1.	Agra Fort (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
2.	Ajanta Caves (1983)	Maharashtra
3.	Ellora Caves (1983)	Maharashtra
4.	Taj Mahal (1983)	Uttar Pradesh
5.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984)	Tamil Nadu
6.	Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)	Odisha
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa (1986)	Goa
8.	Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	Uttar Pradesh
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)	Karnataka
10.	Khajuraho, Group of Temples (1986)	Madhya Pradesh
11.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	Maharashtra
12.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004)	Tamil Nadu
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (1987)	Karnataka
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)	Madhya Pradesh
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993)	Delhi
16.	QutbMinar and its Monuments, Delhi (1993)	Delhi
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	Madhya Pradesh
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	Gujarat
19.	Red Fort Complex, Delhi (2007)	Delhi
20.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and GagronForts) (2013) (Amber and Gagron Forts are under protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums)	Rajasthan
21.	Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan (2014)	Gujarat
22.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda <i>Mahavihara</i> (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (2016)	Bihar

Under Protection of Ministry of Railways (2)

23.	Mountain Railways of India (Darjeeling,1999), Nilgiri (2005), Kalka-Shimla(2008)	West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh
24.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) (2004)	Maharashtra

Under Protection of Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee (1)

25.	Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya, (2002)	Bihar
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Under Protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums (1)

26.	The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (2010)	Rajasthan
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Under Protection of Chandigarh Administration (1)

27.	The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement (2016)	Chandigarh
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Under Protection of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (1)

28.	Historic City of Ahmedabad (2017)	Gujarat
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Under Protection of Bombay Municipal Corporation (1)

29.	Victorian and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (2018)	Govt of Maharashtra
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Under Protection of Jaipur Municipal Corporation (1)

30.	Jaipur City, Rajasthan (2019)	Govt of Rajasthan
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NATURAL SITES: (7)**Under Protection of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes**

31.	Kaziranga National Park (1985)	Assam
32.	Keoladeo National Park (1985)	Rajasthan
33.	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (1985)	Assam
34.	Sunderbans National Park (1987)	West Bengal
35.	Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (1988, 2005)	Uttarakhand
36.	Western Ghats (2012)	Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu
37.	Great Himalayan National Park (2014)	Himachal Pradesh

MIXED SITE: (1)**Under Protection of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes**

38.	Khangchendzonga National Park (2016)	Sikkim
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ANNEXURE-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 4268 FOR DATED 22.03.2021**

S.N	Name of Site	Annual Footfalls 2019-20	Annual Footfalls 2020-21 (Jan)
1.	Agra Fort (1983)	2056719	284704
2.	Ajanta Caves (1983)	293401	37974
3.	Ellora Caves (1983)	1280687	165166
4.	Taj Mahal (1983)	5164828	1033018
5.	Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984)	1313780	247632
6.	Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)	2002721	368582
7.	Churches and Convents of Goa (1986)	This is not a ticketed property, hence, No data on footfalls is available.	This is not a ticketed property, hence, No data on footfalls is available.
8.	Fatehpur Sikri (1986)	651663	94108
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)	614244	256304
10.	Khajuraho, Group of Temples (1986)	286738	90888
11.	Elephanta Caves (1987)	724783	66712
12.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram (1987 & 2004)	This is not a ticketed property, hence, No data on footfalls is available.	This is not a ticketed property, hence, No data on

			footfalls is available.
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (1987)	266477	152653
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)	270805	46543
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993)	860606	188111
16.	Qutab Minar and its Monuments, Delhi (1993)	2303464	343733
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)	78415	36020
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park (2004)	61350	80905
19.	Red Fort Complex, Delhi (2007)	2291408	188435
20.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and Gagron Forts) (2013) (Amber and Gagron Forts are under protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums)	1087048	657470
21.	Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan (2014)	340950	78514
22.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara (Nalanda University) at Nalanda (2016)	478116	94868
