

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 3986
ANSWERED ON – 28.03.2022

TEMPLES OF KARNATAKA UNDER UNESCO'S WORLD HERITAGE SITES LIST

**3986. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:
SHRI JASWANT SINGH BHABHOR:**

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

- (a) whether the Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebidu in Hassan district and Somanathapur in Mysore of Karnataka are proposed to be listed under UNESCO's world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of benefits and funds likely to be extended by the Centre and UNESCO to such sites for better conservation;
- (d) the standard and criteria for inclusion in the provisional list; and
- (e) the places to be included in future in the State of Karnataka and Gujarat?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Government of India has submitted the nomination dossier of the serial property 'Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala' comprising 1) Chennakeshava Temple, Belur 2) Hoysaleswara Temple, Halebidu and 3) Keshava Temple, Somnathpura; to the World Heritage Centre, Paris for the year 2022-23.
- (c) All three are Centrally Protected Monuments and are conserved and maintained by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- (d) The process to identify the heritage sites (cultural, natural or mixed) in the country based on their Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) for World Heritage nomination is as per UNESCO's Operational Guidelines. All the proposals received are assessed on the basis of justification of their OUV, criteria and statements of authenticity, integrity and comparison with other similar properties. Based on the assessment, proposals are forwarded to the World Heritage Centre for their inclusion in the Tentative List of UNESCO.
- (e) Details are at Annexure-A.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3986 FOR DATED 28.03.2022

LIST OF MONUMENTS/SITES OF GUJARAT/KARNATAKA IN THE TENTATIVE LIST

Sl.NO.	Name of Properties	Nature of Property	Location/State
1.	Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch	Natural	Gujarat
2.	Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port-Town, Lothal	Cultural	Gujarat
3.	Sites of Satyagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement	Cultural	Gujarat , Maharashtra, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi
4.	Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate	Cultural	Karnataka and Telangana
5.	Monuments of Srirangapatna Island Town	Cultural	Karnataka
6.	Evolution of Temple Architecture-Aihole-Badami-Pattadakal	Cultural	Karnataka
7.	Hire Benkal, Megalithic Site	Cultural	Karnataka