

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2093
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024

PROPOSAL FOR WORLD HERITAGE SITES

†2093. SHRI LUMBA RAM:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to declare the historical Citadels forts like Swarn Giri Fort of Lohiya Nagar, Kotkasta Fort, Topkhana (Sanskrit Pathshala) of Anchalgarh Fort, Achaleshwar Mahadev Temple of Mount Abu, Varaha Temple of Bhinmal and Narmadeshwar Ghat Temple of Silu Sanchole located in Jalore and Sirohi district as world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the renovation of such old temples and forts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) No Sir, none of these properties have been proposed for inclusion in the World Heritage & List. Inclusion of any site in the World Heritage List depends upon its Outstanding
- (b) Universal Value, Authenticity and Integrity, and fulfillment of the criteria as defined in the UNESCO's Operational Guidelines 2023. Moreover, the proposed property must remain in the UNESCO's Tentative List for at least one year prior to submitting its nomination dossier. None of the properties have been included in the Tentative List.
- (c) Swarnagiri fort, Lohiyagarh, Kot Kasta Fort, Topkhana (Sanskrit Pathshala), Achalgarh & Fort, Achaleshwar Mahadev Temple-Mount Abu, Varaha Temple of Bhinmal,
- (d) Narmadeshwar Ghat Temple, Silu-Sanchore are not under the jurisdiction of the Archaeological Survey of India. However, the monuments including temples and forts which are under the protection of the Archaeological Survey of India are in good state of conservation and preservation. Regular works are carried out based on requirements and Annual Conservation Plan of the monument.
