

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1040**  
ANSWERED ON 02.12.2024

**46<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE OF UNESCO**

1040. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of heritage sites in the country which have been accorded the status of World Heritage Properties, State and location-wise;
- (b) whether the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee of UNESCO, presided over by India, was held in New Delhi from 21-31 July, 2024;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and important issues discussed in the said Session;
- (d) whether the India has sent nomination dossier for inclusion of any of its site in the list of World Heritage Properties; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the names and location thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Currently, there are 43 World Heritage Properties in India. The list of these properties is attached as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Yes, Sir. The 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of World Heritage Committee was held in New Delhi from 21<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July. The details of the agenda discussed are attached as **Annexure-II**. In this meeting, “**Moidams-the Mound Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty, Charaideo, Assam**” has been inscribed as the 43rd World Heritage Property of India.
- (c) Yes, Sir. India has submitted the nomination dossier for the Serial Nomination of Maratha Military Landscape of India in 2024. The nominated property comprises 12 components, situated across various geographical and physiographic regions in the states of Maharashtra &
- (d) and Tamil Nadu. These components include Salher Fort, Shivneri Fort, Lohagad, Khanderi Fort, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala Fort, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg, and Gingee Fort.
- (e)

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA  
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**INDIA: WORLD HERITAGE SITES**

| <b>Sl. No.</b> | <b>Site</b>   | <b>State</b>                                  | <b>Year</b>          |
|----------------|---|---|----------------------|
| 1.             | Agra Fort   | Uttar Pradesh                                 | 1983                 |
| 2.             | Ajanta Caves  | Maharashtra                                   | 1983                 |
| 3.             | Ellora Caves  | Maharashtra                                   | 1983                 |
| 4.             | Taj Mahal   | Uttar Pradesh                                 | 1983                 |
| 5.             | Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram   | Tamil Nadu                                    | 1984                 |
| 6.             | Sun Temple, Konarak   | Odisha  | 1984                 |
| 7.             | Kaziranga National Park   | Assam   | 1985                 |
| 8.             | Keoladeo National Park  | Rajasthan                                     | 1985                 |
| 9.             | Manas Wildlife Sanctuary  | Assam   | 1985                 |
| 10.            | Churches and Convents   | Goa   | 1986                 |
| 11.            | Fatehpur Sikri  | Uttar Pradesh                                 | 1986                 |
| 12.            | Group of Monuments at Hampi   | Karnataka                                     | 1986                 |
| 13.            | Khajuraho Group of Monuments  | Madhya Pradesh                                | 1986                 |
| 14.            | Elephanta Caves   | Maharashtra                                   | 1987                 |
| 15.            | Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram    | Tamil Nadu                                    | 1987 & 2004          |
| 16.            | Group of Monuments at Pattadakal  | Karnataka                                     | 1987                 |
| 17.            | Sundarbans National Park  | West Bengal                                   | 1987                 |
| 18.            | Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks                                 | Uttarakhand                                   | 1988 & 2005          |
| 19.            | Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi  | Madhya Pradesh                                | 1989                 |
| 20.            | Humayun's Tomb  | Delhi   | 1993                 |
| 21.            | Qutb Minar and its Monuments  | Delhi   | 1993                 |
| 22.            | 22a Mountain Railway of India (Darjeeling)<br>22b Nilgiri<br>22c Kalka - Shimla | West Bengal<br>Tamil Nadu<br>Himachal Pradesh | 1999<br>2005<br>2008 |
| 23.            | Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya   | Bihar   | 2002                 |
| 24.            | Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka  | Madhya Pradesh                                | 2003                 |
| 25.            | Champaner - Pavagadh Archaeological Park  | Gujarat                                       | 2004                 |
| 26.            | Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)                       | Maharashtra                                   | 2004                 |
| 27.            | Red Fort Complex  | Delhi   | 2007                 |
| 28.            | The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur   | Rajasthan                                     | 2010                 |
| 29.            | Western Ghats   | Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu    | 2012                 |

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| 30. | Hill Forts of Rajasthan<br>30a Chittorgarh<br>30b Kumbhalgarh<br>30c Jaisalmer<br>30d Ranthambhore<br>30e Amber<br>30f Gagron | Rajasthan        | 2013 |
| 31. | Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen's Stepwell) at Patan   | Gujarat          | 2014 |
| 32. | Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area   | Himachal Pradesh | 2014 |
| 33. | Archeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara at Nalanda   | Bihar            | 2016 |
| 34. | The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement                                    | Chandigarh       | 2016 |
| 35. | Khangchendzonga National Park   | Sikkim           | 2016 |
| 36. | Historic City of Ahmadabad  | Gujarat          | 2017 |
| 37. | Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai   | Maharashtra      | 2018 |
| 38. | Jaipur City   | Rajasthan        | 2019 |
| 39. | Dholavira: a Harappan City  | Gujarat          | 2021 |
| 40. | Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple   | Telangana        | 2021 |
| 41. | Santiniketan, India   | West Bengal      | 2023 |
| 42. | Sacred Ensemble of Hoysalas   | Karnataka        | 2023 |
| 43. | Moidams – the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty   | Assam            | 2024 |

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- I. PROVISIONAL  
AGENDA OF THE 46TH SESSION OF THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE (NEW DELHI, 2024)**
1. Opening session
2. Admission of Observers
3. Adoption of the Agenda and the Timetable
  - 3A. Adoption of the Agenda
  - 3B. Adoption of the Time table
4. Report of the Rapporteur of the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee (Riyadh, 2023)
5. Reports of the World Heritage Centre and the Advisory Bodies
  - 5A. Report of the World Heritage Centre on its activities and the implementation of the World Heritage Committee's decisions
  - 5B. Reports of the Advisory Bodies
  - 5C. Progress report on the implementation of the Strategy for World Heritage in Africa
6. Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy and Progress report on the World Heritage-related category 2 centres
  - 6A. World Heritage-related Capacity-Building activities and Follow-up to the World Heritage Capacity-Building Strategy
  - 6B. Progress report on the activities concerning the implementation of the World Heritage Convention by the World Heritage-related category 2 centres
7. State of conservation of World Heritage properties
  - 7A. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the List of World Heritage in Danger
  - 7B. State of conservation of World Heritage properties inscribed on the World Heritage List
8. Nomination process
  - 8A. Tentative Lists submitted by States Parties as of 15 April, 2024
  - 8B. Nominations to the World Heritage List
  - 8C. Update of the World Heritage List and of the List of World Heritage in

Danger

8D. Clarifications of property boundaries and areas by States Parties

8E. Review and approval of retrospective Statements of Outstanding Universal Value

9. Global Strategy for a representative, balanced and credible World Heritage

List

9A. Upstream Process

10. Periodic Reports

10A. Report on the results of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting exercise in Europe and North America

10B. Mid-Cycle assessment report on the implementation of the Third Cycle Action Plan in Africa and the Arab States

10C. Report on the implementation of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting and general reflection on Periodic Reporting

11. Report of the Open-ended Working Group established by the extended 45th session of the World Heritage Committee

12. International Assistance

**13.** Presentation of the final accounts of the World Heritage Fund for the biennium 2022-2023, Report on the execution of the budget for the biennium 2024-2025, Follow-up to Decision **45 COM15**

14. Other business

15. Election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteur of the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee

16. Provisional Agenda of the 47<sup>th</sup> session of the World Heritage Committee

17. Adoption of Decisions

**18.** Closing session

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