

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 5
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2025

CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATING HERITAGE CITY

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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Territory of Chandigarh is designated as a heritage city;
- (b) the details of specific/established criteria for designating a city as a heritage city by the Government of India, UNESCO or any other international organisations;
- (c) the details of designated heritage cities in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the details along with the number of heritage cities across the world, country-wise?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Union Territory of Chandigarh City has not been designated as a World Heritage City. However, the Chandigarh Capitol Complex has been inscribed as a Transnational World Heritage Property in 2016 under the title “**The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement.**” This Transnational World Heritage Property includes seven countries comprising Argentina, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Japan and India.
- (b) In the UNESCO Operational Guidelines, 2024, any World Heritage property, including a World Heritage City, must fulfill one or more criteria outlined. The criteria are provided in **Annexure- I**.
- (c) The details of designated World Heritage Cities across all countries, &
- (d) including 2 World Heritage Cities of India, as uploaded on the World Heritage Centre UNESCO website, have been provided in **Annexure II**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *5 FOR 03.02.2025.

Cultural Criteria of UNESCO World Heritage Property

- (i) represent a **masterpiece** of human creative genius;
- (ii) exhibit an important **interchange of human values**, over a span of time or within a cultural area of the world, on **developments in architecture or technology, monumental arts, town-planning or landscape design;**
- (iii) bear a unique or at least exceptional **testimony to a cultural tradition** or to a **civilization** which is living or which has disappeared;
- (iv) be an **outstanding example** of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) **significant stage(s) in human history;**
- (v) be an outstanding example of a **traditional human settlement, land-use, or sea-use** which is representative of a culture (or cultures), or human interaction with the environment **especially when it has become vulnerable** under the impact of irreversible change;
- (vi) be **directly or tangibly associated** with **events or living traditions, with ideas, or with beliefs, with artistic and literary works of outstanding universal significance**. (The Committee considers that this criterion should preferably be used in conjunction with other criteria);

Annexure-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c&d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *5 FOR 03.02.2025.

Sr No.	World Heritage City Name	Country
1	Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region	Albania
2	Historic Centres of Berat and Gjirokastra	
3	M'Zab Valley	Algeria
4	Tipasa	
5	Kasbah of Algiers	
6	Cathedral and Churches of Echmiatsin and the Archaeological Site of Zvartnots	Armenia
7	Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens	Australia
8	Historic Centre of the City of Salzburg	Austria
9	City of Graz – Historic Centre and Schloss Eggenberg	
10	Historic Centre of Vienna	
11	The Great Spa Towns of Europe	
12	Walled City of Baku with the Shirvanshah's Palace and Maiden Tower	Azerbaijan
13	Historic Centre of Sheki with the Khan's Palace	
14	Qal'at al-Bahrain – Ancient Harbour and Capital of Dilmun	Bahrain
15	Historic Mosque City of Bagerhat	Bangladesh
16	Historic Bridgetown and its Garrison	Barbados
17	Flemish Béguinages	Belgium
18	La Grand-Place, Brussels	
19	Historic Centre of Brugge	
20	Major Town Houses of the Architect Victor Horta (Brussels)	
21	Notre-Dame Cathedral in Tournai	

22	Plantin-Moretus House-Workshops-Museum Complex	
23	Colonies of Benevolence	
24	The Great Spa Towns of Europe	
25	City of Potosí	
26	Historic City of Sucre	Bolivia
27	Tiwanaku: Spiritual and Political Centre of the Tiwanaku Culture	
28	Old Bridge Area of the Old City of Mostar	Bosnia and Herzegovina
29	Historic Town of Ouro Preto	
30	Historic Centre of the Town of Olinda	
31	Historic Centre of Salvador de Bahia	
32	Brasilia	
33	Historic Centre of São Luís	
34	Historic Centre of the Town of Diamantina	
35	Historic Centre of the Town of Goiás	Brazil
36	São Francisco Square in the Town of São Cristóvão	
37	Rio de Janeiro: Carioca Landscapes between the Mountain and the Sea	
38	Pampulha Modern Ensemble	
39	Paraty and Ilha Grande – Culture and Biodiversity	
40	Ancient City of Nessebar	Bulgaria
41	CidadeVelha, Historic Centre of Ribeira Grande	Cabo Verde
42	Historic District of Old Québec	
43	Old Town Lunenburg	Canada
44	Historic Quarter of the Seaport City of Valparaíso	Chile
45	Imperial Palaces of the Ming and Qing Dynasties in Beijing and Shenyang	China

46	Historic Ensemble of the Potala Palace, Lhasa	
47	Classical Gardens of Suzhou	
48	Summer Palace, an Imperial Garden in Beijing	
49	Ancient Villages in Southern Anhui – Xidi and Hongcun	
50	Historic Centre of Macao	
51	KaipingDiaolou and Villages	
52	Kulangsu, a Historic International Settlement	
53	Quanzhou: Emporium of the World in Song-Yuan China	
54	Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena	Colombia
55	Historic Centre of Santa Cruz de Mompox	
56	Historic Town of Grand-Bassam	
57	Sudanese style mosques in northern Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
58	Historical Complex of Split with the Palace of Diocletian	Croatia
59	Old City of Dubrovnik	
60	Episcopal Complex of the Euphrasian Basilica in the Historic Centre of Poreč	
61	Historic City of Trogir	
62	Old Havana and its Fortification System	Cuba
63	Trinidad and the Valley de los Ingenios	
64	Urban Historic Centre of Cienfuegos	
65	Historic Centre of Camagüey	
66	Paphos	Cyprus
67	Historic Centre of Český Krumlov	Czechia
68	Historic Centre of Prague	
69	Historic Centre of Telč	

70	Kutná Hora: Historical Town Centre with the Church of St Barbara and the Cathedral of Our Lady at Sedlec	
71	Jewish Quarter and St Procopius' Basilica in Třebíč	
72	The Great Spa Towns of Europe	
73	Žatec and the Landscape of Saaz Hops	
74	Colonial City of Santo Domingo	Dominican Republic
75	City of Quito	Ecuador
76	Historic Centre of Santa Ana de los Ríos de Cuenca	
77	Historic Cairo	Egypt
78	Asmara: A Modernist African City	Eritrea
79	Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn	Estonia
80	Aksum	Ethiopia
81	Harar Jugol, the Fortified Historic Town	
82	Levuka Historical Port Town	Fiji
83	Old Rauma	Finland
84	Arles, Roman and Romanesque Monuments	France
85	Roman Theatre and its Surroundings and the "Triumphal Arch" of Orange	
86	Place Stanislas, Place de la Carrière and Place d'Alliance in Nancy	
87	Strasbourg, Grande-Île and Neustadt	
88	Cathedral of Notre-Dame, Former Abbey of Saint-Rémi and Palace of Tau, Reims	
89	Paris, Banks of the Seine	
90	Historic Centre of Avignon: Papal Palace, Episcopal Ensemble and Avignon Bridge	
91	Historic Fortified City of Carcassonne	
92	Historic Site of Lyon	

93	Provins, Town of Medieval Fairs		
94	Le Havre, the City Rebuilt by Auguste Perret		
95	Bordeaux, Port of the Moon		
96	Episcopal City of Albi		
97	Nice, Winter Resort Town of the Riviera		
98	The Great Spa Towns of Europe		
99	The Maison Carrée of Nîmes		
100	Historical Monuments of Mtskheta		Georgia
101	Würzburg Residence with the Court Gardens and Residence Square		Germany
102	St Mary's Cathedral and St Michael's Church at Hildesheim		
103	Roman Monuments, Cathedral of St Peter and Church of Our Lady in Trier		
104	Hanseatic City of Lübeck		
105	Palaces and Parks of Potsdam and Berlin		
106	Mines of Rammelsberg, Historic Town of Goslar and Upper Harz Water Management System		
107	Town of Bamberg		
108	Collegiate Church, Castle and Old Town of Quedlinburg		
109	Völklingen Ironworks		
110	Bauhaus and its Sites in Weimar, Dessau and Bernau		
111	Luther Memorials in Eisleben and Wittenberg		
112	Classical Weimar		
113	Museumsinsel (Museum Island), Berlin		
114	Monastic Island of Reichenau		
115	Historic Centres of Stralsund and Wismar		
116	Town Hall and Roland on the Marketplace of Bremen		

117	Old town of Regensburg with Stadtamhof	
118	Speicherstadt and Kontorhaus District with Chilehaus	
119	Water Management System of Augsburg	
120	Mathildenhöhe Darmstadt	
121	The Great Spa Towns of Europe	
122	Jewish-Medieval Heritage of Erfurt	
123	Acropolis, Athens	Greece
124	Medieval City of Rhodes	
125	Paleochristian and Byzantine Monuments of Thessalonika	
126	The Historic Centre (Chorá) with the Monastery of Saint-John the Theologian and the Cave of the Apocalypse on the Island of Pátmos	
127	Old Town of Corfu	
128	Zagori Cultural Landscape	
129	Antigua Guatemala	Guatemala
130	Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura	Holy See
131	Vatican City	
132	Budapest, including the Banks of the Danube, the Buda Castle Quarter and Andrassy Avenue	Hungary
133	Old Village of Hollókő and its Surroundings	
134	Early Christian Necropolis of Pécs (Sopianae)	
135	Historic City of Ahmadabad	India
136	Jaipur City, Rajasthan	
137	Ombilin Coal Mining Heritage of Sawahlunto	Indonesia
138	The Cosmological Axis of Yogyakarta and its Historic Landmarks	
139	Meidan Emam, Esfahan	Iran

140	Bam and its Cultural Landscape	
141	Soltaniyeh	
142	Gonbad-e Qābus	
143	Historic City of Yazd	
144	Old City of Acre	Israel
145	White City of Tel-Aviv – the Modern Movement	
146	Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci	Italy
147	Historic Centre of Florence	
148	Historic Centre of Naples	
149	Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura	
150	Historic Centre of San Gimignano	
151	Historic Centre of Siena	
152	Historic Centre of the City of Pienza	
153	Piazza del Duomo, Pisa	
154	Venice and its Lagoon	
155	18th-Century Royal Palace at Caserta with the Park, the Aqueduct of Vanvitelli, and the San Leucio Complex	
156	Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites	
157	Botanical Garden (Orto Botanico), Padua	
158	Cathedral, Torre Civica and Piazza Grande, Modena	
159	Costiera Amalfitana	
160	Crespi d'Adda	
161	Early Christian Monuments of Ravenna	
162	Ferrara, City of the Renaissance, and its Po	

	Delta	
163	Genoa: Le Strade Nuove and the system of the Palazzi dei Rolli	
164	Ivrea, industrial city of the 20th century	
165	Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto (South-Eastern Sicily)	
166	Mantua and Sabbioneta	
167	Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands (Palmaria, Tino and Tinetto)	
168	Syracuse and the Rocky Necropolis of Pantalica	
169	The Great Spa Towns of Europe	
170	The Porticoes of Bologna	
171	The Trulli of Alberobello	
172	City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto	
173	City of Verona	
174	Historic Centre of Urbino	
175	Gusuku Sites and Related Properties of the Kingdom of Ryukyu	
176	Himeji-jo	
177	Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto (Kyoto, Uji and Otsu Cities)	Japan
178	Historic Monuments of Ancient Nara	
179	Historic Villages of Shirakawa-go and Gokayama	
180	Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group: Mounded Tombs of Ancient Japan	
181	As-Salt - The Place of Tolerance and Urban Hospitality	
182	Lamu Old Town	Kenya
183	Town of Luang Prabang	Lao People's

		Democratic Republic
184	Historic Centre of Riga	Latvia
185	Old town of Kuldīga	
186	Anjar	Lebanon
187	Baalbek	
188	Byblos	
189	Rachid Karami International Fair-Tripoli	
190	Tyre	
191	Old Town of Ghadamès	Libya
192	Modernist Kaunas: Architecture of Optimism, 1919-1939	Lithuania
193	Vilnius Historic Centre	
194	City of Luxembourg: its Old Quarters and Fortifications	Luxembourg
195	Melaka and George Town, Historic Cities of the Straits of Malacca	Malaysia
196	Old Towns of Djenné	Mali
197	Timbuktu	
198	City of Valletta	Malta
199	Ancient Ksour of Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt and Oualata	Mauritania
200	Historic Centre of Mexico City and Xochimilco	Mexico
201	Historic Centre of Morelia	
202	Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán	
203	Historic Centre of Puebla	
204	Historic Centre of Zacatecas	
205	Historic Fortified Town of Campeche	
206	Historic Monuments Zone of Querétaro	
207	Historic Monuments Zone of Tlacotalpan	

208	Historic Town of Guanajuato and Adjacent Mines	
209	Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan	
210	Protective town of San Miguel and the Sanctuary of Jesús Nazareno de Atotonilco	
211	Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor	Montenegro
212	Historic City of Meknes	Morocco
213	Ksar of Ait-Ben-Haddou	
214	Medina of Essaouira (formerly Mogador)	
215	Medina of Fez	
216	Medina of Marrakesh	
217	Medina of Tétouan (formerly known as Titawin)	
218	Portuguese City of Mazagan (El Jadida)	
219	Rabat, Modern Capital and Historic City: a Shared Heritage	
220	Island of Mozambique	Mozambique
221	Kathmandu Valley	Nepal
222	Colonies of Benevolence	Netherlands
223	Droogmakerij de Beemster (Beemster Polder)	
224	Dutch Water Defence Lines	
225	Historic Area of Willemstad, Inner City and Harbour, Curaçao	
226	Historic Centre of Agadez	Niger
227	Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Ohrid region	North Macedonia
228	Bryggen	Norway
229	Røros Mining Town and the Circumference	
230	Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore	Pakistan
231	Archaeological Site of Panamá Viejo and Historic District of Panamá	Panama

232	City of Cuzco	Peru
233	Historic Centre of Lima	
234	Historical Centre of the City of Arequipa	
235	Historic City of Vigan	Philippines
236	Historic Centre of Kraków	Poland
237	Historic Centre of Warsaw	
238	Medieval Town of Toruń	
239	Old City of Zamość	
240	Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores	Portugal
241	Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications	
242	Historic Centre of Évora	
243	Historic Centre of Oporto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar	
244	Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belém in Lisbon	
245	Hwaseong Fortress	Republic of Korea
246	Jongmyo Shrine	
247	Historic Centre of Sighișoara	Romania
248	Architectural Ensemble of the Trinity Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad	Russian Federation
249	Churches of the Pskov School of Architecture	
250	Citadel, Ancient City and Fortress Buildings of Derbent	
251	Historic and Architectural Complex of the Kazan Kremlin	
252	Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments	
253	Historic Monuments of Novgorod and Surroundings	

254	Historical Centre of the City of Yaroslavl	
255	Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow	
256	White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal	
257	San Marino Historic Centre and Mount Titano	San Marino
258	At-Turaif District in ad-Dir'iyah	Saudi Arabia
259	Historic Jeddah, the Gate to Makkah	
260	Island of Gorée	Senegal
261	Island of Saint-Louis	
262	Bardejov Town Conservation Reserve	Slovakia
263	Historic Town of BanskáŠtiavnica and the Technical Monuments in its Vicinity	
264	Levoča, SpišskýHrad and the Associated Cultural Monuments	
265	Vlkolínec	
266	The works of Jože Plečnik in Ljubljana – Human Centred Urban Design	Slovenia
267	Alhambra, Generalife and Albayzín, Granada	Spain
268	Aranjuez Cultural Landscape	
269	Cathedral, Alcázar and Archivo de Indias in Seville	
270	Historic Centre of Cordoba	
271	Historic City of Toledo	
272	Historic Walled Town of Cuenca	
273	Ibiza, Biodiversity and Culture	
274	Old Town of Ávila with its Extra-Muros Churches	
275	Old Town of Cáceres	
276	Old Town of Salamanca	
277	Old Town of Segovia and its Aqueduct	
278	Palau de la Música Catalana and Hospital de	

	Sant Pau, Barcelona	
279	Paseo del Prado and Buen Retiro, a landscape of Arts and Sciences	
280	Archaeological Ensemble of Mérida	
281	Works of Antoni Gaudí	
282	Renaissance Monumental Ensembles of Úbeda and Baeza	
283	Roman Walls of Lugo	
284	San Cristóbal de La Laguna	
285	Santiago de Compostela (Old Town)	
286	University and Historic Precinct of Alcalá de Henares	
287	Old Town of Galle and its Fortifications	Sri Lanka
288	Sacred City of Kandy	
289	Hebron/Al-Khalil Old Town	State of Palestine
290	Historic Inner City of Paramaribo	Suriname
291	Skogskyrkogården	Sweden
292	Hanseatic Town of Visby	
293	Church Town of Gammelstad, Luleå	
294	Naval Port of Karlskrona	
295	Abbey of St Gall	Switzerland
296	Old City of Berne	
297	La Chaux-de-Fonds / Le Locle, Watchmaking Town Planning	
298	Ancient City of Damascus	Syrian Arab Republic
299	Ancient City of Bosra	
300	Ancient City of Aleppo	
301	Medina of Tunis	Tunisia
302	Kairouan	
303	Medina of Sousse	

304	Djerba: Testimony to a settlement pattern in an island territory	
305	Historic Areas of Istanbul	Türkiye
306	City of Safranbolu	
307	Wooden Hypostyle Mosques of Medieval Anatolia	
308	Kyiv: Saint-Sophia Cathedral and Related Monastic Buildings, Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra	Ukraine
309	L'viv – the Ensemble of the Historic Centre	
310	The Historic Centre of Odesa	
311	City of Bath	United Kingdom
312	Palace of Westminster and Westminster Abbey including Saint Margaret's Church	
313	Canterbury Cathedral, St Augustine's Abbey, and St Martin's Church	
314	Old and New Towns of Edinburgh	
315	Historic Town of St George and Related Fortifications, Bermuda	
316	New Lanark	
317	Saltaire	
318	The Great Spa Towns of Europe *	
319	Stone Town of Zanzibar	United Republic of Tanzania
320	Monticello and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville	United States of America
321	Taos Pueblo	
322	The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright	
323	Historic Quarter of the City of Colonia del Sacramento	Uruguay
324	The work of engineer Eladio Dieste: Church of Atlántida	

325	Itchan Kala	Uzbekistan
326	Historic Centre of Bukhara	
327	Historic Centre of Shakhrisyabz	
328	Samarkand – Crossroad of Cultures	
329	Coro and its Port	Venezuela
330	Ciudad Universitaria de Caracas	
331	Complex of Hué Monuments	Viet Nam
332	Hoi An Ancient Town	
333	Old Walled City of Shibam	Yemen
334	Old City of Sana'a	
335	Historic Town of Zabid	
