

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2316
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025

INCLUSION OF MARATHA FORTS IN UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

2316. SHRI CHAVAN RAVINDRA VASANTRAO:
SHRI MANISH JAISWAL:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE:

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

- (a) whether 12 Maratha forts have been included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site in the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names and locations of the said forts;
- (c) the criteria adopted/used for nominating/including these sites into the UNESCO List;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to promote tourism, conservation and infrastructure development around these forts and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of the budgetary allocations or partnership with State Government and other Stakeholders; and
- (f) the details of the places to be included in future in the State of Maharashtra, MadhyaPradesh and Jharkhand?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Yes Sir, the property titled “Maratha Military Landscapes of India”, comprising 12
- & Maratha forts, was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 47th
- (b) session of the World Heritage Committee held in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris this year. The list of these forts is enclosed at Annexure I.
- (c) The Maratha Military Landscapes of India has been inscribed under Criteria (iv) and (vi) as per UNESCO’s Operational Guidelines.
- (d) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) takes up conservation and maintenance work of
- & protected monuments and sites including provision of amenities like drinking water,
- (e) toilet blocks, pathways and landscaping etc. throughout the country. Conservation and maintenance of monuments and archaeological sites is a continuous process and is taken up as per the need of monuments and availability of resources. However, funds are

allocated as per the need of monuments. The details of funds allocated for conservation and maintenance of CPMs under Mumbai Circle during the last three years are as under:

Sr. No	Year	Allocation (Rs. in Crores)
1	2022-23	15.35
2	2023-24	15.56
3	2024-25	12.58

- (f) Currently, 2 properties from Maharashtra and 11 properties from Madhya Pradesh have been included in the Tentative List of World Heritage Sites. However, no property from Jharkhand features in the Tentative List. Inclusion in the Tentative List is a mandatory prerequisite for proceeding with World Heritage nomination. Details of the properties included in the Tentative List are provided at Annexure II.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2316 FOR 04.08.2025.

Forts of Serial Nomination of Maratha Military Landscape of India

Sr No.	Name of the Fort	District	State
1	Raigad fort	Raigad	Maharashtra
2	Rajgad Fort	Pune	Maharashtra
3	Shivneri Fort	Pune	Maharashtra
4	Pratapgarh Fort	Satara	Maharashtra
5	Panhala Fort	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
6	Vijaydurg Fort	Sindhudurg	Maharashtra
7	Lohagad	Pune	Maharashtra
8	Salher Fort	Nashik	Maharashtra
9	Sindhudurg	Sindhudurg	Maharashtra
10	Suvarnadurg	Ratnagiri	Maharashtra
11	Khanderi Fort	Raigad	Maharashtra
12	Gingee Fort	Villupuam	Tamilnadu

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2316 FOR 04.08.2025.

Property Included in the Tentative List

Madhya Pradesh

1.	The historic ensemble of Orchha	Madhya Pradesh	2019	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
2.	The historic ensemble of Dhamnar	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
3.	The Gond monuments of Ramnagar, Mandla	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
4.	The Bhojeshwar Mahadev Temple, Bhojpur	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
5.	Rock Art Sites of the Chambal Valley	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
6.	KhooniBhandara, Burhanpur	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
7.	Gwalior Fort	Madhya Pradesh	2024	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
8.	Serial nomination for Ashokan Edict sites along the Mauryan Routes	Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Karnataka, Adhra Pradesh, Gujrat	2025	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
9.	Serial nomination of Chausath Yogini Temples	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Odisha	2025	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
10.	Serial nomination of Gupta Temples in North India	Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar	2025	Govt of Madhya Pradesh
11.	The Palace-Fortresses of the Bundelas	Madhya Pradesh	2025	Govt of Madhya Pradesh

Maharashtra

1.	Geoglyphs of Konkan Region of India	Maharashtra	2022	Govt of Maharashtra
2.	Serial nomination of Coastal Fortifications along the Konkan Coast	Maharashtra	2024	ASI and Govt. of Maharashtra