

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5028
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2026

UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES

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

- (a) the details of the present number of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the country ;
- (b) whether the Government has sent any proposals for the inclusion of new sites in the World Heritage List;
- (c) the details of the special steps taken by the Government for the conservation of the said sites; and
- (d) the details of the coordination being done to promote tourism?

ANSWER

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

- (a) There are 44 World Heritage Properties in the country, details of which are provided in **Annexure - I**
- (b) Yes Sir. The Government has sent the following proposals to the World Heritage Centre for consideration for inclusion in the World Heritage List:
 - 1. Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath (2025-26)
 - 2. JingkiengJri / Lyu Charai Cultural Landscape (2026-27)
- (c) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes conservation and maintenance of 3,686 monuments, including 27 World Heritage properties, along &
- (d) with the provision of amenities for tourists such as drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways and landscaping etc. for protected monuments/sites under the ASI's jurisdiction. Conservation and maintenance of these monuments/sites is a continuous process and is carried out based on the needs of the monuments and the availability of resources.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †5028 FOR 23.03.2026

Properties on World Heritage List (44)

A.	Cultural World Heritage Properties in India	:	36
B.	Natural World Heritage Properties in India	:	07
C.	Mixed World Heritage Properties in India	:	01

CULTURAL SITES:

Under Protection of Archaeological Survey of India (27)

S. No	Name of Site	State	Year of inscription
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.	Churches and Convents of Goa	Goa	1986
8.	Fatehpur Sikri	Uttar Pradesh	1986
9.	Group of Monuments at Hampi	Karnataka	1986
10.	Khajuraho, Group of Temples	Madhya Pradesh	1986
11.	Elephanta Caves	Maharashtra	1987
12.	Great Living Chola Temples at Thanjavur, Gangaikondacholapuram and Darasuram	Tamil Nadu	1987 & 2004
13.	Group of Monuments at Pattadakal	Karnataka	1987
14.	Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi	Madhya Pradesh	1989
15.	Humayun's Tomb, Delhi	Delhi	1993
16.	QutbMinar and its Monuments, Delhi	Delhi	1993
17.	Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka	Madhya Pradesh	2003
18.	Champaner-Pavagarh Archaeological Park	Gujarat	2004
19.	Red Fort Complex, Delhi	Delhi	2007
20.	Hill Forts of Rajasthan (Chittaurgarh, Kumbhalgarh, Jaisalmer and Ranthambhore, Amber and Gagron Forts) (Amber and Gagron Forts are under protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums)	Rajasthan	2013

21.	Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan	Gujarat	2014
22.	Archaeological Site of Nalanda Mahavihara(Nalanda University) at Nalanda	Bihar	2016
23.	Dholavira: A Harappan City	Gujarat	2021
24.	Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Telangana	Telangana	2021
25.	Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysalas	Karnataka	2023
26.	Moidams-the Mount-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty	Assam	2024
27.	Maratha Military Landscapes of India	Maharashtra	2025

Under Protection of Ministry of Railways (2)

28.	Mountain Railways of India (Darjeeling,1999), Nilgiri (2005), Kalka-Shimla	West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh	2008
29.	Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus)	Maharashtra	2004

Under Protection of Bodhgaya Temple Management Committee (1)

30.	Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya	Bihar	2002
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Under Protection of Rajasthan State Archaeology and Museums (1)

31.	The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur	Rajasthan	2010
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Under Protection of Chandigarh Administration (1)

32.	The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier, an Outstanding Contribution to the Modern Movement	Chandigarh	2016
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Under Protection of Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (1)

33.	Historic City of Ahmedabad	Gujarat	2017
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Under Protection of Bombay Municipal Corporation (1)

34.	Victorian and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai	Govt of Maharashtra	2018
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Under Protection of Jaipur Municipal Corporation (1)

35.	Jaipur City, Rajasthan	Govt of Rajasthan	2019
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Under Vice Chancellor, Visva Bharati (1)

36.	Santiniketan	Visva Bharati	2023
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NATURAL PROPERTIES: (7)

Under Protection of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes

37.	Kaziranga National Park	Assam	1985
38.	Keoladeo National Park	Rajasthan	1985
39.	Manas Wildlife Sanctuary	Assam	1985
40.	Sunderbans National Park	West Bengal	1987
41.	Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks	Uttarakhand	1988, 2005
42.	Western Ghats	Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu	2012
43.	Great Himalayan National Park	Himachal Pradesh	2014

MIXED PROPERTIES: (1)

Under Protection of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Changes

44.	Khangchendzonga National Park (2016)	Sikkim	2016
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