

- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken by Government in this regard along with the achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The “Swachh Bharat” campaign for cleaning of monuments was launched from the premises of Red Fort, Delhi on 25th September, 2014 and is being followed at all protected monuments under Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in the country. Conservation work of all monuments is attended regularly which includes cleaning and maintenance. Cleaning and conservation of monuments are continuous processes and being undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India within the available resources. The protected monuments are in good state of preservation and cleanliness.

Inclusion of Jageshwar Temple in World Heritage sites list

†1462. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that efforts were made for the inclusion of the centuries old Jageshwar temple situated in the Almora District of Uttarakhand in the list of world heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the details of progress made in this regard so far;
- (c) if not, whether the Ministry would take necessary steps to include this temple among the world heritage sites; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. A proposal for centuries old Jageshwar temple situated in the Almora District of Uttarakhand was submitted for consideration to be included in UNESCO Tentative List.

(b) The Advisory Committee on World Heritage Matters (ACWHM) had organized a Tentative List revision workshop where the proposal was not discussed since the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the property was not well defined.

(c) No, Sir. At present Ministry has no proposal to include this temple among the World Heritage Sites.

(d) Does not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi