

Sl.No.	Name of the Monument	Taluka	District
121.	Durga Bhairavakonda having an ancient monument called Durga	Nilavati	Vizianagaram
122.	Ruined Buddhist Monastery at Gurubhaktulakonda	Ramatirthalu Ramatirtham	Vizianagaram
123.	The old, Dibbesvarasvamipur temple	Sarapalli (Sarapalle)	Vizianagaram
124.	Mounds containing Buddhist remains	Arugolanu	West Godavari
125.	Mounds locally known as Bhimalingadibba	Denduluru	West Godavari
126.	Buddhist monuments (1) Rock-cut temple (2) Large Monastery (3) Small Monastery (4) Brick Chaitya (5) Ruined Mandapa (6) Stone built Stupa and Large group of stupas.	Guntupalle	West Godavari
127.	The caves and structural stupa of Archaeological interest on Dharmalingesvarasvami hill	Jilakarragudem (Hamlet of Guntupalle)	West Godavari
128.	The mounds of Pedavegi : Dibba No.1 Dibba No. 2, Dibba No. 3, Dibba No. 4, Dibba No. 5.	Pedavegi	West Godavari
129.	Ancient Mounds	Pedavegi	West Godavari

#### Places granted heritage status by UNESCO

356. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) which places in India have been granted heritage status by the UNESCO;

(b) whether Government has asked for grant of above status to other places, cities in the country, to boost tourism;

(c) what are the basic requirement to be satisfied before asking for the above status;

(d) what is the action plan of Government to attract foreign tourists in the country with added facilities; and

(e) how far the above incentive has helped to attract more tourists in country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) India has 32 Cultural and Natural sites on the World Heritage List. The details are given in Statement-I (*See below*).

(b) Yes Sir, Government has forwarded a total 46 Cultural and Natural sites, including 6 cities, in the country and these are included in Tentative List of UNESCO. The details are given in Statement-II (*See below*).

(c) As per the Operational Guidelines of UNESCO a site must have outstanding universal value and meet at least one out of ten selection criteria to be included on the World Heritage List. The details of criteria are given in Statement-III (*See below*).

(d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Government of India provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for various tourism projects subject to availability of funds under the relevant scheme guidelines.

Furthermore the Government of India has introduced the facility of e-Tourist Visa (e-TV) for the citizens of 113 countries and this facility is now available at 16 airports of the country.

(e) Various schemes launched by the Government of India indicate a rise in the number of tourists in the country.

***Statement-I***

*Properties inscribed on the World Heritage List (32)*

**Cultural Sites**

1. Agra Fort (1983)
2. Ajanta Caves (1983)
3. Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi (1989)
4. Champaner-Pavagadh Archaeological Park (2004)
5. Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (formerly Victoria Terminus) (2004)

6. Churches and Convents of Goa (1986)
7. Elephanta Caves (1987)
8. Ellora Caves (1983)
9. Fatehpur Sikri (1986)
10. Great Living Chol Temples (1987)
11. Group of Monuments at Hampi (1986)
12. Group of Monuments at Mahabalipuram (1984)
13. Group of Monuments at Pattadakal (1987)
14. Hill Forts of Rajasthan (2013)
15. Humayun's Tomb, Delhi (1993)
16. Khajuraho Group of Monuments (1986)
17. Mahabodhi Temple Complex at Bodh Gaya (2002)
18. Mountain Railways of India (1999)
19. Qutb Minar and its Monuments, Delhi (1993)
20. Rani-ki-Vav (the Queen's Stepwell) at Patan, Gujarat (2014)
21. Red Fort Complex (2007)
22. Rock Shelters of Bhimbetka (2003)
23. Sun Temple, Konarak (1984)
24. Taj Mahal (1983)
25. The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (2010)

**Natural Sites**

26. Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area (2014)
27. Kaziranga National Park (1985)
28. Keoladeo National Park (1985)
29. Manas Wildlife Sanctuary (1985)
30. Nanda Devi and Valley of Flowers National Parks (1988)
31. Sundarbans National Park (1987)
32. Western Ghats (2012)

***Statement-II****Cultural and Natural Properties on the Tentative List (46)*

1. Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal (1998)
2. Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala (1998)
3. Group of Monuments at Mandu, Madhya Pradesh (1998)
4. Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (1998)
5. Sri Harimandir Sahib, Amritsar, Punjab (2004)
6. River Island of Majuli inmidstram of Brahmaputra River in Assam (2004)
7. Namdapha National Park (2006)
8. Wild Ass Sanctuary, Little Rann of Kutch (2006)
9. Kangchendzonga National Park (2006)
10. Urban and Architectural Work of Le Corbusier in Chandigarh (2006)
11. Excavated Remains at Nalanda (2009)
12. Bhitarkanika Conservation Area (2009)
13. Neora Valley National Park (2009)
14. Desert National Park (2009)
15. Silk Road Sites in India (2010)
16. Santiniketan (2010)
17. The Qutb Shahi Monuments of Hyderabad Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs, Charminar (2010)
18. Mughal Gardens in Kashmir (2010)
19. Historic city of Ahmadabad (2011)
20. The Victorian and Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai (2012)
21. Delhi - A Heritage City (2012)
22. Monuments and Forts of the Deccan Sultanate (2014)
23. Cellular Jail, Andaman Islands (2014)
24. The Glorious Kakatiya Temples and Gateways (2014)
25. Iconic Saree Weaving Clusters of India (2014)
26. Dholavira: A Harappan City (2014)
27. Apatani Cultural Landscape (2014)
28. Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Srirangam (2014)

29. Monuments of Srirangapatna Island Town (2014)
30. Chilika Lake (2014)
31. Padmanabhapuram Palace (2014)
32. Sacred Ensembles of the Hoysala (2014)
33. Sites of Saytagrah, India's non-violent freedom movement (2014)
34. Thembang Fortified Village (2014)
35. Narcondam Island (2014)
36. Moidams - The Mound-Burial system of the Ahom Dynasty (2014)
37. Ekamra Kshetra - The Temple City, Bhubaneswar (2014)
38. The Neolithic Settlement of Burzahom (2014)
39. Archaeological remains of a Harappa Port-Town, Lothal (2014)
40. Mountain Railways of India (Extension) (2014)
41. Chettinad, Village Clusters of the Tamil Merchants (2014)
42. Baha'i House of Worship at New Delhi (2014)
43. Evolution of Temple Architecture-Aihole-Badami-Pattadakal (2015)
44. Jaipur city, Rajasthan India (2015)
45. Cold Desert Cultural Landscape of India (2015)
46. Sites along the Uttarapath, Badshahi Sadak, Sadak-e-Azam, Grand Trunk Road (2015)

***Statement-III***

*Criteria for the assessment of outstanding universal value as per  
UNESCO's Operational Guidelines*

- (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 preferable be used in conjunction with other criteria);
- (vii) contain superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance;
- (viii) be outstanding examples representing major stages of earth's history. Including the record of life, significant on-going geological processes in the development of landforms, or significant geomorphic or physiographic feature;
- (ix) be outstanding examples representing significant on-going geological and biological processes in the evolution and development of terrestrial, fresh water, coastal and marine ecosystem and communities of plants and animals;
- (x) contain the most important and significant natural habitats for *in-situ* conservation of biological diversity, including those containing threatened species of outstanding universal value from the point of view of science or conservation.

#### **Sexual harassment in Asiatic Society Kolkata**

357. SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1784 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5 August, 2015 and state:

(a) whether the charge of sexual harassment have been probed by the internal complaints committee in the Asiatic Society Kolkata;

(b) whether the report has been submitted to the concerned authorities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Asiatic Society, Kolkata has informed that a complaint of sexual harassment has been probed by the Internal Complaints Committee of the Asiatic Society, Kolkata.