

Need for according world heritage status to Hyderabad

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY (Nominated): Madam, my Special Mention is pertaining to giving world heritage status to Hyderabad.

I seek your kind permission to bring to the notice of the Government the imperative need to secure the status of Heritage City to Hyderabad. Hon. Members are fully aware of the glorious past of Hyderabad City, which has the highest potentialities required for being nominated as a World Heritage City. India, with its great past, does not have even a single World Heritage City. There are 195 cities, in 68 countries of the world, which are declared as Heritage Cities by the UNESCO. Madam, Japan has 4; Nepal has 2; China has 2; Vietnam has 1; and Sri Lanka has 1 Heritage Cities. The UNESCO recognises cities with two or more clusters of well-preserved historic areas as World Heritage Cities. Hyderabad's heritage has been surviving since the twelfth Century. This city has evolved from the fortress town Golconda, taking birth in 1591. Hyderabad is built around Charminar, a Qutubshahi monument of unparalleled beauty. If individual buildings and places are counted, there are about 1,200 historic centres and heritage areas in Hyderabad. Golconda Fort, Qutubshahi Tombs, Puranapool, Charminar, Charkaman, Gowliguda, Mozamjahi Market, Gunfoundry, Paigah Tombs, Chow Mahal, Rock formations, Purana Haveli, Laad Bazar, Pathargatti, 200-years-old cantonment, several lakes, gardens and many other historical places are there in Hyderabad. Last week I had been to the UNESCO, discussed with them and presented this issue before them. Hyderabad is qualified to be a World Heritage City, having evolved along characteristic lines of time, space and function, and having preserved the spatial arrangements and structures.

I, therefore, appeal to hon. Minister of Tourism and Culture to secure the status of World Heritage City to Hyderabad. Thank you.

SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I associate myself with the Special Mention made by Dr. C. Narayana Reddy.

SHRI LAL JAN BASH A S.M. (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, I also associate myself with the Special Mention made by Dr. C. Narayana Reddy.