

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1304
ANSWERED ON 11.12.2025

DECLARING BANKIM-BHAVAN GAVESHANA KENDRA AS NATIONAL HERITAGE

1304 # DR. RADHA MOHAN DAS AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Bankim-Bhavan Gaveshana Kendra in Kantalpada, Naihati, built to preserve the heritage of late Shri Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, the writer of national song Vande Mataram, has lost its usefulness due to lack of maintenance; and
- (b) whether Government would consider declaring it a national heritage site, in view of its significance in the Indian freedom movement?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The Bankim-Bhavan Gaveshana Kendra in Kantalpada, Naihati; is an autonomous Research Centre under the Higher Education Department, Social Education Branch, Government of West Bengal. It houses a Biographical Museum on Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. The building was restored in the year 1999 and is being maintained with the support of the funds provided by the State Government.
- (b) Currently, no such proposal is under consideration with Government of India.
