

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1309

TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2026

Construction of Paika Rebellion Memorial at Barunei

1309 Shri Dilip Kumar Ray:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation of funds for construction of Paika Rebellion Memorial at Barunei in the State of Odisha;
- (b) the name of person who has laid the foundation stone of this memorial and when; and
- (c) the details of progress of this project and by when this project is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) An estimated amount of Rs. 90 crore for the construction of the Paika Rebellion Memorial at Barunei, Odisha, was provided by the Indian Oil Foundation, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds.
- (b) The then Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind laid the foundation stone for the project on December 8, 2019.
- (c) The Government of Odisha has allotted 9.685 acres of land, free of cost, at the foothills of Barunei in Khordha district, Odisha, for the construction of the Paika Rebellion Memorial. Physical possession of the land has been taken over by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Bhubaneswar Circle, on behalf of the Ministry of Culture.

The infrastructure development work for the project was awarded to M/s Manorama Constructions, Bhubaneswar, on 09.09.2025. As reported by the Archaeological Survey of India, activities at the site include mobilization, site survey, site clearance, establishment of the construction office, procurement of construction materials, and marking of the building layout.

The shifting of overhead electrical lines and the additional work required for road diversion have been completed. Indian Oil Foundation, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas is monitoring the construction work.
