

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 516
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2026

DEVELOPING BIRTHPLACE OF BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR

516 SHRI SAT PAUL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the birthplace of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur in Rajouri has been considered for heritage conservation or national recognition; and
- (b) whether the site would be integrated with national heritage tourism circuits connected with important historical personalities?

ANSWER

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

- (a) The birthplace of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur in Rajouri is neither a centrally & protected monument under the jurisdiction of Archaeological Survey of
- (b) India (ASI) nor under the protection of Directorate of Archives, Archaeology and Museums, Jammu and Kashmir (UT). There is no such proposal is under consideration with ASI for its heritage conservation and national recognition.

Identification and prioritisation of tourism destinations/sites is primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments and Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism through its various schemes including Swadesh Darshan scheme provides financial assistance to the State Government/UT Administrations to complement the efforts of tourism infrastructure development. Under the scheme, the proposals are considered and financial assistance is extended in accordance with the prescribed guidelines.
