GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CULTURE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 321 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.6.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF PATHARIGHAT AS MEMORIAL

†321.SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be please to state:

- (a) whether the battle of Patharighat was fought in Assam in the year 1894 which is also known as Assam's Jallianwala Bagh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the police had opened fire on the agitating peasants/farmers;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to develop the place as a memorial keeping in view the said incident;
- (e) if so, the time limit has been fixed in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefore?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

- (a) to (c): As per the records of Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR), the peasants of Patharighat in Darrang district of Assam were highly aggrieved against the British due to enhancement of land revenue. When the aggrieved peasants marched to run over a local police station in January, 1894,the police opened fire to repel the agitators. In the process, a number of peasants got injured and some of them died.
- (d) to (f): No proposal in this regard has been received in the Ministry.