

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINES  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1311**  
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

**GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE SITES**

1311. SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is inching towards the disappearance of most of the geological heritage sites;
- (b) if so, the preventive steps taken/being taken by the Government to conserve our geological and natural heritage keeping in mind that the protection of geo-heritage sites requires legislation; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINES, COAL AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Geological Survey of India (GSI), an attached office of the Ministry of Mines declares and maintains geological heritage sites in India. GSI has declared 32 geological heritage sites across 13 States for protection and maintenance.

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