

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. †*165
ANSWERED ON 13.03.2023**

RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF NAAMGHARS

†*165. SHRIMATI QUEEN OJA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working for renovation and reconstruction of all historical sites of the country during Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav;
- (b) if so, the number of the said sites throughout the country;
- (c) whether the Government has started the said works on all the identified sites;
- (d) whether the Government has identified the Naamghars (prayer houses) of his Holiness Shri Shankar Dev Ji of Assam;
- (e) if not, the time by which these are likely to be identified; and
- (f) the time by which the renovation and reconstruction of the said Naamghars is likely to be completed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) to (f) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3,696 Centrally Protected Monuments in various parts of the country. ASI is taking up conservation works of monuments, as and when necessary, as per availability of resources. Conservation of monuments is a continuous process.

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) is the initiative of the Government of India to commemorate and celebrate 75 years of India's Independence. Under AKAM, ASI has undertaken various activities and celebrations such as National Flag hoisting and Tri-colour illumination at 154 Centrally Protected monuments, Swachhta Abhiyan with facilitation of Padma Awardees and other important persons at 258 Centrally Protected monuments in 2022-23. Swachhta Abhiyan is also carried out at 929 Centrally Protected monuments. However, renovation and reconstruction of ancient monuments has not been considered under AKAM thus far.

(d) to (f) Naamghar (Prayer houses) of his Holiness Shri Shankar Dev Ji of Assam is not a Centrally Protected Monument under the ASI.
