

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CULTURE**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5214**  
**ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023**

**PRESERVATION OF BANGARH IN WEST BENGAL**

5214. SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government takes care to sustain the cultural heritage sites of the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received a proposal to protect and preserve Bangarh, a historical place of Dakshin Dinajpur of West Bengal, having ancient signature between the period of 300 BCE to 400 CE therefor; and
- (c) if so, the proposal of the Government to keep or save Bangarh from further degradation/decomposition of the artifacts, architecture and cultural landscapes therein?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has 3696 Centrally Protected Monuments (CPMs) in various states of the country. ASI takes up conservation work of monuments as per requirement. Upkeep of the monuments is a continuous process.
- (b) Mound of Bangarh, Dakshin Dinajpur is a protected site by the ASI. ASI takes up & conservation work as and when necessary and as per availability of resources.
- (c)

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