

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2022

DECLARATION OF QILA RAI PITHORA AS PROTECTED MONUMENT

163. SHRI ANNASAHEB SHANKAR JOLLE:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Qila Rai Pithora or Lal Kot in Delhi represents the earliest fortified settlement and is dated to early medieval period;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its historical and archaeological importance in the reconstruction of history of Delhi based upon the excavations conducted in the 1960s and 1990s by ASI which had resulted in interesting structural remains and archaeological findings;
- (c) whether only a small portion of the fortified settlement of Lal Kot is under the protection of Government and fairly a large part, prone to encroachments, still unprotected; and
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to declare the entire settlement as protected including the impressive fortification wall?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Archaeological excavation conducted by the Archaeological Survey of India & during 1960s and 1990s revealed a sequence of two cultural period i.e., Rajput period
- (b) (middle of eleventh century to the end of twelfth century CE) and Sultanate period (end of the twelfth century to the middle of the fourteenth century CE).
- (c) Ancient settlement was spread at a fairly large area. Part of the fortified settlement is protected through three notifications under AMASR Act 1958.
- (d) The Government has identified 'Ancient mound including Anang Tal' to declare it as archaeological site and remains of national importance.