

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.†2317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2022**

“Memorial of King Vikramaditya”

†2317. Shri Sanjay Bhatia:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:

- (a)** whether Panipat was the place of three important battles in the history of India where a king name (Hem Chandra Vikramaditya) also known as Vikramaditya won 22 battles against Afghan rebels across North India from Punjab to Bengal during 1553-1556 and established Hindu Rule in Northern India;
- (b)** whether the Government proposes to establish the memorial of King Vikramaditya in Parliamentary Constituency of Panipat in co-ordination with the State Government; and
- (c)** if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Minister of Culture, Tourism and Development of North Eastern Region
(Shri G. Kishan Reddy)**

ANSWER

(a) Yes, Sir.

Details of the battles are as follows:

- i. 1st battle of Panipat between Ibrahim Lodi & Babar (20th April, 1526)
- ii. 2nd battle of Panipat between Himu & Akbar (5 November, 1556)
- iii. 3rd battle of Panipat between Marathas Empire & Durrani Afghan Empire (14 January 1761)

Himu was employed by the last rulers of Sur dynasty i.e. Islam Shah and Adil Shah. Adil Shah had given a military command to Himu to suppress the revolts against him. During this time Humayun found the division among afghan as an opportunity to reclaim his lost kingdom and captured Delhi. Adil Shah who had given Himu the command to contain revolts managed to capture Delhi after the

accidental fall of Humayun from his library. Taking advantage of this situation Himu assumed independence with a title of Raja Vikramaditya.

Historian Sunil Kumar sarker mentions in his book that Himu fought 22 battles and was everywhere victorious but the same fact has not been furnished by many other Historians, however, they do appreciate his strategic skills and mentions about various battles he won. Many of these battles he fought must have been against Afghans who revolted against his employer Adil Shah.

(Source: Indian Council of Historical Research, Ministry of Education)

(b) & (c) There is no such plan as on date.