

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
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ASI SURVEY IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

2714. Shri Joyanta Basumatary:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government has any specific objectives which the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) aims to achieve through the ongoing explorations in the different sites in the North Eastern States, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the technological methods and equipment being used by the ASI team during these explorations; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to ensure the protection and preservation of cultural heritage discovered through these explorations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE AND TOURISM
(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) conducts explorations from time to time with the objective to systematically identify, locate and document potential archaeological sites in the north-eastern states.
ASI has carried out exploration at Katlicherra, District Hailakandi, Assam in 2024 and LiDAR survey at Bhismak Nagar, District Lower Dibang Valley, Arunachal Pradesh in 2023 to locate and find out the buried structures, if any.
- (b) LiDAR Survey, digital photo documentation, GPS etc. are used during exploration as per requirement.
- (c) As per regular practice, when any ancient monument or archaeological site worth protecting of national importance is noticed, a protection proposal is prepared and is declared as a protected monument or protected area under Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
