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Title: Request to take initiative to develop Buddisht and Hindu religious sites in Jajpur Parliamentary Constituency, Odhisha.

**\*\*.SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI (JAJPUR):** Thank you, Chairman, Sir for giving me the opportunity, to raise an important issue. My Constituency Jajpur, in Odhisha has several Buddhist sites which have great historical significance. Ancient stupes, structures, relics and other antiquities have been found. Places like Ratnagiri, Udyagiri, Lalitigiri etc. have been mentioned by Hieun Tsang the Chinese traveler of 7th Century who visited India. Odisha govt. under the able leadership of Shri Naveen Patnaik has chalked out a plan to attract more and more domestic and foreign traveller by creating a Diamond Triangle. There are several other places like Langudi, Kaima, Radha Nagar, Brajagiri, Neulapur etc. that have Buddhist heritage. Through You, I request the Central Government to take appropriate steps so that these places can be accorded 'World Heritage Site' status like the Sun Temple of Konark.

My Constituency Jajpur is also the abode of Adishakti Maa Biraja. It is one of the 52 Shakti peethas. Chhatia Bata is also an important Jagannatha Dharma. There are numerous other temples like the Mahavinayaka. Saptamatruka, Verahanatha and Buddha Ganesha Temple in my constituency.

Sir, through you, I request the Central Government to take initiative for the development of these places, so that they can attract more tourists. Thank you.

