

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED: QUESTION NO.5284**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.04.2023

**PRESERVATION AND BEAUTIFICATION OF ICONIC SITES**

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Will the MINISTER OF CULTURE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it was announced in the Union Budget 2020-21 that five archaeological sites would be developed (preservation and beautification) as iconic sites with onsite museums;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of the prominent tourism sites chosen for the development (preservation and beautification) as iconic sites in Sivasagar of Assam;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any detailed work plan of preservation and beautification for the iconic sites and onsite museum in Sivasagar, Assam and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (g) the details of funds allocated for preservation and beautification of iconic sites and onsite museum of Sivasagar in Assam?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. In the Union Budget 2020-2021, Five archaeological sites i.e. Rakhigarhi (Haryana), Dholavira (Gujarat), Sivasagar (Assam), Hastinapur (Uttar Pradesh) and Adichanallur (Tamil Nadu) are declared to be developed as 'Iconic sites' with on-site museums.

(c) At present, seventeen (17) Centrally Protected Monuments located in and around the historic city of Sivasagar are selected for development as Iconic Site,

The list of monuments is enclosed in Annexure -1.

(d) In view of (c), the question does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir. Archaeological Survey of India carries out works related to conservation, preservation, beautification, providing of amenities and landscaping around the monuments of Sivasagar, as per requirements.

Government of Assam has allotted 5 acre of land to State Archaeology for construction of onsite museum.

(f) In view of (e), the question does not arise.

(g) The year wise details of funds allocated for development of Iconic Sites at Sivasagar is as follows:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)

2020-21	0.92 cr.
2021-22	1.21 cr.
2022-23	3.32 cr.

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**ANNEXURE –I**

**LIST OF CENTRALLY PROTECTED MONUMENTS CHOSEN FOR THE  
DEVELOPMENT AS ICONIC SITES IN SIVASAGAR, ASSAM**

<b>SL. NO.</b>	<b>NAME OF THE MONUMENTS/SITES</b>
1.	Garhgaon Raja's Palace, Garhgaon
2.	Bisnudol, Gaurisagar
3.	Sivadol, Gaurisagar
4.	Devidol, Gaurisagar
5.	Gaurisagar Tank, Gaurisagar
6.	Devidol, Joysagar
7.	Golakghar or magazine, Joysagar
8.	Sivadol, Joysagar
9.	Bisnudol, Joysagar
10.	Ghanshyam's house, Joysagar
11.	Ranghar Ruins, Joysagar
12.	Bishnu Dol, Sivasagar
13.	Debi Dol, Sivasagar
14.	Siva Dol, Sivasagar
15.	Eight cannons of the Ahom period
16.	Ranganath dole, Joysagar
17.	The Karengghar of the Ahom Kings (Talatal ghar), Joysagar

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