

Need to operationalize the circle office of Archaeological Survey of India in Raiganj Parliamentary Constituency-laid*h

SUSHRI DEBASREE CHAUDHURI (RAIGANJ): I would like to draw the kind attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Culture towards the need to start the functioning of Raiganj Circle Office of Archeological Survey of India (ASI). The Ministry had announced 7 new circles of ASI in the year 2020 to facilitate and strengthen the process of preservation and registration of archaeological monuments alongwith registration of artefacts and one new circle is to be created in Raiganj, West Bengal. The said creation is done, but due to non-availability of space, the said circle in Raiganj is not fully functioning. I had written several letters to Ministry stating that the BSNL is ready to give their premises for this purpose. But the proposal is still pending with Ministry. It is pertinent to mention that other offices declared on the same day are more or less operational now, except this Raiganj Office. This is one of the most important pending proposals of my Raiganj Parliamentary Constituency which needs immediate attention of the Hon'ble Minister of Culture as it is lying pending for more than three years. Hence, I urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to make this Raiganj Circle Office of ASI operational immediately.