

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3104  
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DILAPIDATED CONDITION OF BHISMAKNAGAR FORT  
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**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that historic 8th Century BC Bhismaknagar Fort in Dibang Valley district of Arunachal Pradesh is in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to renovate and develop this heritage site to promote tourism and archaeological study;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is considering to preserve and protect the said fort and its artefacts and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF CULTURE SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI KATOCH

(a)&(b) The historic Bhismaknagar Fort in the Lower Dibang Valley of Arunachal Pradesh was in a dilapidated condition before it was protected by the Archaeological Survey of India. The condition of this historic fort is improving since the field office of ASI has taken up conservation, preservation and maintenance works of the said fort.

(c)to(e) The Archaeological Survey of India has taken up development works of the site to promote tourism/ archaeological study due to its historic importance.

During the last three years from the year 2010-11 Archaeological Survey of India has undertaken the renovation and development works such as restoration of brick wall, clearance of vegetation from the structures of the said fort, lime concrete flooring of the structures inside the fort and conserving the brick compound wall around the structure inside the fort. Cultural notice board is also provided at the fort to promote tourism and archaeological study.

In order to preserve and protect it and its artefacts and safeguard its position as a heritage site, Archaeological Survey of India has been taking up conservation, preservation and maintenance works at the historic fort.