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Title: Need to maintain 'Karna Subarna', an ancient heritage in Murshidabad district, West Bengal.

SHRI ADHIR CHOWDHARY (BERHAMPORE, WEST BENGAL): Sir, the ancient kingdom named after "Gaur" was ruled by the most indomitable king "Sasanka" who had established the capital city of his vast domain at "Karna Subarna" on the bank of present day River "Bhagirathi" which also happened to be in the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal.

According to the historical account drawn out by the Chinese scholar Huen Tsant who was said to have visited this capital during the 7th century B.C., he got astonished by observing the enriched culture and wealth of that city of yore. A large chunk of the ancient city has been engulfed by the river and the remainder was about to extinct, besides a huge mound which was for long intriguing the people, especially the keen historians. Finally, in the year 1962, under the stewardship of eminent archaeologist Prof. Dr. Sudhir Ranjan Das, an extensive excavation was carried out, with a view to detect the exact location of "Karna Subarna" by exploring all possible means. Scores of historical relics were unearthed along with scripts engraved on stones and other articles which may facilitate historical research with regard to our ancient times.

But it is surprising to note that this most precious piece of land has not been adequately preserved. Long ago, a meagre fund was spent out to construct a fence around the site only to be vanished shortly.

I urge upon the Central Government to look after the heritage of our country and "Karna Subarna" must be properly preserved and maintained.