Title: Need to entrust Bala Quila and Step-Well or Baori monuments situated in Alwar, Rajasthan to Archaeological Survey of India to save their glorious heritage.

DR. KARAN SINGH YADAV (ALWAR): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards cultural heritage in neglected condition in Alwar District of Rajasthan.

The Bala Quila at Alwar is picturesquely situated atop a hill at a height of 1,000 feet. This fort was constructed by Nukumbha Rajputs in 10th Century A.D. and was annexed by Maharaja Pratap Singh in 1775 A.D. before foundation of Alwar State. The circumference of the fort is 11.2 km. and the fort complex consist or court yards, corridors and pavilions resting on marble pillars. It is a potential destination of tourism in Rajasthan. Another such monument is Step-Well or Baori in Neemrana on Delhi-Jaipur Highway near a famous Neemrana Fort.

This represents the developed stage of Ancient Water Management System. Both the above monuments are in good condition but all in state of neglect. I request that these monuments be entrusted to Archaeological Survey of India to save their glorious heritage.

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