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Title: Need to protect and maintain the historical places of archeological importance in Sivasagar district of Assam.

SHRI KAMAKHYA PRASAD TASA (JORHAT): In Sivasagar district, Assam there are more than 550 historical places. From the ancient times to the regime of Ahom Dynasty, in many places a number of Kings ruled Assam. Sivasagar is one of the places where many kings ruled. They had established places of worship and constructed big ponds, roads, stone bridges, forts, grave yard of the kings and royal persons. Unfortunately only 45 places come under the Archaeological Department as well as State Government. No steps have been taken to develop and protect the monuments and historical places in Sivasagar. Now, a initiative has been taken by the district Administration but it is not sufficient. So, I urge the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India to take necessary steps to protect the historical monuments not covered by the Archaeological Department and State Government. If these historical monuments are not protected now then the same will be destroyed by the vagaries of nature and anti-social elements. This can be done by Government's own policy by the PP mode. This way tourism sector will get a boost up. Unemployment problem will be to some extent solved and the monuments will be protected. So I urge upon the Minister Concerned to look into the matter.