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title: Need to protect the ancient monuments in Arambagh parliamentary constituency, West Bengal.

SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR (ARAMBAG): The Archaeological Survey of India deals with the researches and protection of cultural heritage of India and also regulates the archaeological activities as per norms of Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites.

Monuments remind us of our heritage and they are like treasure and symbol of pride to our country. They serve as important source of History and improve tourism.

West Bengal is one of the richest States in India known for its Culture, Tradition & Festivals. My Parliamentary Constituency Arambagh has many treasures for Archaeology.

• Tarakeswar Lord Shiva Temple is a place of Pilgrimage and famous for Shiva Ratri.

• Radha Nagar, in Arambagh is the birth place of well known Social Reformer, Raja Ram Mohan Roy.

• Narojole Rajbari the grand palace and an ancient monument is located here.

In spite of this, West Bengal lacks sufficient ASI Engineers for its conservation work. Due to which works are not carried out in time.

I request the Union Government & Culture Ministry to allot sufficient funds and also provide skilled personnel for the proper inspection and upkeep of the monuments.