

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3415**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021

**MUSEUM FOR TRIBAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS**

3415. SHRI SURESH PUJARI:

Will the Minister of **TRIBAL AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government will consider setting up a Museum for Tribal Freedom Fighters from Bargarh or Jharsuguda in memory of the glorious Tribal Freedom Fighter of India like Veer Surendra Sai of Sambalpur, Madho Singh, Hatee Singh, Kunjal Singh, Bairi Singh etc from Ghens in Bargarh, Zamindars of Lakhanpur, Kolabira etc of Jharsuguda in Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take up the case with the state Government and set up a museum at Bargarh in memory of the Tribal Freedom Fighters of Western Odisha who fought against the Britishers long before 1857, the first war of independence, and were either hanged, or shot dead or imprisoned for life or deported for life and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry proposes the rewriting of such history and protect, maintain and improve the heritage places of those glorious sons of Mother India?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SMT. RENUKA SINGH SARUTA)

(a) to (c): At present no such proposal has been received from the State Government to set up a museum for Tribal Freedom Fighters from Bargarh or Jharsuguda. Under the scheme of 'Support to Tribal Research Institutes', State Tribal Welfare Departments submit to the Ministry detailed action plan with budgetary requirement for setting up of Freedom Fighters Museum to acknowledge the heroic and patriotic deeds of tribal people who struggled against the Britishers. Funds are provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs based on such detailed action and with the approval of National Level Committee (NLC) chaired by Secretary, Tribal Affairs.

(d) No Sir. The protection, maintenance and improvement of heritage places is not the subject matter of the Ministry.

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