

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.490
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

**CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF JAYMANGLA GARH
SHAKTIPEETH IN BEGUSARAI**

490. SHRI RAKESH SINHA:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Jaymangla Garh Shaktipeeth in Begusarai is one of the oldest spiritual and cultural centre of Bihar as well as India;
- (b) whether Government will consider to develop this site and promote its ancient legacy which includes Naulagarh, the centre of Pal Dynasty (750-1161 C.E.);
- (c) whether Government will also consider sending a team of historians and archeologists to unravel historical facts; and
- (d) whether Government will also consider to make it an ASI protected site?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) The ancient temple of goddess Jayamangla at Jayamanglagarh is regarded as one of the Shaktipeeth.
- (b) Jayamanglagarh is under Department of Environment Forest & Climate Change of Bihar Government. The Jaymangla Garh Shaktipeeth and Naulagarh are not protected by the Government of India.
- (c) Teams of archaeologist from Archaeological Survey of India have carried out inspections of Jaimanglagarh during the year 2003 and 2020.
- (d) Jayamanglagarh is under Department of Environment Forest & Climate Change of Bihar Government. No proposal for protection is under consideration at present.
