

Title: Need to make provision for light and sound programme at Barabati Fort of Cuttuck of Orissa - Laid.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB(CUTTUCK) : Barabati Fort of Cuttuck is a silent witness of Orissa's past glory, valour and sacrifice. The citadel of Orissan empire had witnessed many upheavals of national importance ranging a span of more than a thousand years, since 10th century to this day. The history of this Fort is the history of Orissa of last one millennium. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had done some excavation in the Fort area and have established that the Fort has a past much beyond the 10th Century AD.

Barabati Fort was the citadel of power not only of Oriya monarchs but later on when Orissa was subjugated by Muslim rulers. It has left its footprints on the sands of time. So also the Mughals, Marathas and the British. The Fort also was a mute spectator of the glorious freedom struggle that went on relentlessly since 1807 till the tricolour was unfurled on 15th August 1947 on the ramparts of the Fort.

Keeping the historial importance of Barbati Fort in mind, may I urge upon the Government to make provision of light and sound programme which will not only attract tourists to Cuttuck in large number but will also educate people about their struggle, sacrifice and strength.